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Dear Mary,

I've sort of been accumulating a letter to you, as you can see. ~~XXXX~~ Your's of the 9th made very good time arrivin' when I wanted an excuse to take a temporary halt in my acting as a human back-hoe. We have had a flood, and my Neighbor's driveway and entrance are, or rather were on my front lawn. I've gathered up all the stone I can or use without picking them up one at a time by hand, have wheeled many wheelbarrow loads up and scattered them on the upper reaches of our own lane, and now await the arrival of a neighbor's boys with their tractor to haul the rest, boxed in every container I could find.

Later. He came, we got the stones on the driveway, and I have to empty the containers or it cannot be used! SO I won't have time for the chatty letter I'd planned to write while resting.

Maybe clips I'd know of this, wondered, and expect to see him in the not too distant future, hereafter I may have some news...Hope Arch has a chance to get her...I've heard from Steinberg, who is not a buff but a collector. Haven't heard from him recently. I didn't see the "enclosed" article... I am interested in the decision on the value of Oswald's property. The Post story did not indicate Marina's agreement, merely that the court had had appraisers and accepted their evaluation...Whenever you come will not be too soon, and almost any time is fine as of now. Bring comfortable, informal stuff and relax. I am now wearing nothing but shorts, not even zoris most of the time, and bathing suits (plural for you, so you can go swimming without wearing a wet suit, the pool being but 20 feet from the house-but I can fit any man size from 28 to 42, so Buck can travel lighter). You say you'll fly to DC. Unless you like landing and taking off and spending extra time in planes, go to Dulles or Friendship, non-stop, and I'll meet you. Not much more than an hour to either, and from Dulles, not even a single traffic light to Frederick and only one to here, so the mileage is nothing, the time is short...I wonder if we could all get together in the plaza without a hassle...You and Sylvia should have a good visit...

I've finished drafting what is planned as the fifth suit, the first having been filed, the next three being in Bud's hands, but the sequence of filing being uncertain, except that I expect the one that Bud will handle will most likely be the next to get filed. Each has different defendants in combination, each tests different areas and aspects of the law. I edited about a third of it by the time the dew was gone this a.m. and will have the rest read and corrected before Monday, when I should be hearing from Bud. Meanwhile, if you remember the old saw about the farmer, the jackass and the 2x4, I think I've gotten Kaeindienst's attention, to a degree, and have been getting a few things without suit. I've been trying to be helpful to him by showing him gross error susceptible of innocent explanation, without saying it need be innocent, in some of the FBI photography. I have the first-ever shirt pictures that can be enlarged - the first not to be loused up with the photoengraving dots, and they are helpful. Not that they tell me anything new, but that they confirm my own earlier analysis about what did and did not happen. You'll see them. I'm suing Archives for those they are withholding. And to make them make others for me...There is a conspiracy against my writing you. First someone came, so I had to clear the lane, and then Lil found one of our four-legged friends, an amiable young wood-chuck, taking advantage of our hospitality. I've not got to evict him from the den he is making against the well of the house, directly under Lil's office window. I mean, we can be just so friendly, Isak Walton or no Isak Walton! We're looking forward to your visit. Best to all,

July 9, 1970

Dear Harold and Paul:

Penn Jones called me the other night and asked me if I had heard about a piece in the April 20, 1970, Wall Street Journal regarding the man who bought the Depository. I had not heard about it but sent Jimmy Lee to buy a copy of it at the library yesterday. I am enclosing a very poor Xerox copy of the photostat he got. It does seem a little strange that Mayhew's cousin was one of the Secret Service men guarding JFK on 11/22/63 and yet he couldn't convince Mayhew that the shots all came from the 6th floor window!!!

Val Newcomb (Fred's daughter) has been here visiting since last week. We are all enjoying her (particularly Jimmy Lee). She is a very lovely young lady. We plan to leave tomorrow afternoon for a few days in New Orleans.

Arch Kimbrough is leaving tomorrow with his family for the farm in Massachusetts. He will drive them up and then fly back. He plans to go by the Archives for a brief visit.

Paul, I understand he has mailed you all of his microfilm. If you have any connections where you can get it copied for about 5¢ per page, I would appreciate your making me copies of all of it for my files. I will pay for the postage and your trouble, if you can do this. Don't worry about it if you can't or if it is inconvenient. Arch has rigged up an apparatus whereby he can satisfactorily read the microfilm at home. But, it is very inconvenient for me to try to find anything on the rolls at home. I also have a couple of rolls of my own, if you are interested. However, I imagine you have most of what I have on my rolls. I much prefer the Xerox copies so that I can file them numerically by Document Number. (I just noted that I said I would pay you for the postage and your trouble -- I will, of course, pay for the copying of the microfilm, too.)

Have either of you ever heard of Dr. Gerald Steinberg, the Silver Springs, Maryland, dentist mentioned in the enclosed article? He is supposed to be a "buff."

Harold, there was an article in this mornings paper about the settlement between the government and Marina over Oswald's possessions. I didn't bring it to the office but if you want a copy, I'll send it.

Sylvia Meagher is coming to Dallas in August (the second week I think). After her visit, if it is convenient for you and Lil, Harold, I plan to fly to D.C. and visit you two for a little change of scenery. I do wish that all of you could visit us in August... We could have quite a meeting in the Plaza...

Must get to work,

*Mary*