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Dear Mary,

Thanks for Penn's book, which arrived today as my car was being towed ~~in~~ to the garage, where it sat and I spent a large part of the day, giving me a chance to skim through it. Too bad he had to print it. It is awful. It confirms the opinion I have long held, that he is sick. But I felt I had to make the record, in writing, of which I enclose a copy.

You once said you were sending me Judy Bonner's book when it appears. I have just heard from another that it is out and he is sending me a copy, so I write to ~~save~~ you this extra cost. If I do not get it, I will let you know. But as of now, please assume this other friend is getting it and I will have it.

There is little else new. A few things have slowed down the pace of work lately. However, I am about ready to return to the autopsy writing. I've finished the additional chapter of COUP II, annotated the appendix, and have no prospect of publication.

I had expected to spend yesterday afternoon at the Archives, after a morning spent in medical testing, but I spent it instead waiting for a tow-truck, my car having broken down near Key Bridge, and at the garage, getting enough of a repair made to limp home. I'll be in DC again tomorrow, but do not know whether it will be possible to get there. My recent time there has been fairly well spent.

By the way, if you are still on good relations with Boxley, would you please try and get a copy of the telegram Eddie Brawner got, inviting him to join the Bay of Pigs bit? The office claimed Boxley never gave that to them. Joel showed it to me. And if you have his address, I'd like to try and get back the reel of Albee film he stole. I'd like to try and check that through the Archives, among other things. And I have sources through which I can check the name signed to it.

If you have the connections, would you also please try and learn what happened to a Grand Prairie policeman named J.C. Murdoch? My letter to him, c/o the department, was returned, not forwarded. Could be interesting.

Thanks again.

Sincerely,