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Dear Bill and Lorry,

Glad to hear all your good news. I'm more than usually snowed under, trying to keep up with too much, having a visitor scheduled who squealed to minutemen that I have inside informant(exciting?) and trying to correct book ms so colleage who is coming can read, hence haste. And apologies for not taking time tox correct typos.

Should you get here, we have accomodations.

Be careful in what you try to do to help me. You can get hurt. There is a real media curse on me, in no case because of anything I have done, just subject and my persistence. The suppression of FRAME-UP toughest of all. Even NYTimes axe-job instead of ignoring. But there are other angles and aspects, when the time comes. Like the private citizen who takes DJ to court as his own lawyer, more entertaining, how you tame fish and wild fowl (my fish come and look at you and wait to be fed, bass, trout, etc., wild ducks nest here, eat from kitchen step, and you've seen the honkers eat from my mouth.) But a direct approach might get you burned. Or, an interview with the inventor of the underground book. How to do-it-yourself, what it costs, problems.

ABC TV News Chicago referred story on newest book to Av Westin, to whom I later(that is, to ass't) spoke, who referred me to NBC producer, to whom I delivered book months ago (and it is loaded with news. When I phoned about something else the guy who answered the phone remembered the book and professed interest still, volunteered. After months? Why don't you ask publisher (799-9449) for copy? Understand Ebony story this month, haven't seen. Don't tell pub I told you. If there is anything they can do to kill the book that they haven't, it is only because they haven't thought of it. No one promo, not trips for me. no appearances arranged, etc. Let me know if they refuse or do not send.

Your mention of Lorry's novel plans reminds me I have sug sted a number I've no time to do to a friend at Bantam, who is reserving one for his intended wife and is ecited by some others but hasn't found collaborators. I mean non-fiction novels where I've done all the research. My problem is too much material, inc. on the assassinations and other.

Even with rain, do I envy you any kind of vacation! We don't know what it means, and our problem with water is keeping noses above it.

Clip enclosed.

Good luck. Hope we see you (both) seen.

Best,

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Dear Harold,

It's good to hear from you again and although I'm happy to hear you're still pounding away at the typewriter (I'm sure Lillian is helping out too) but its too bad you're not getting the exposure you'd like. I've only been at ABC for about a month but already it looks like I'll get a crack at doing some documentary work as I did at WNEW. The move was a good one for me, not only from a financial standpoint, but more importantly it gives me an opportunity to be heard nationwide. ABC (which has four network news services) has some 13-hundred affiliate stations around the country, and the Entertainment Network has 325 of them. I believe we're heard on WWDC in Washington, which I used to work for when I first came to D.C. I didn't know my going to ABC got a mention in the Washington Post. If you still have the item I'd appreciate your sending it to me. The best address for the radio network is 7 West 66th St., New York, N.Y. 10023. The main phone number is on the letterhead, and my extension is 7828 or 8146. I've even got my very own desk...just like WTOP days. At NEW we had to share desks which was a hassle.

I'm still getting settled here and the documentary projects are still very much in the planning stage but as soon as I have a better idea of what I can and cannot do, I'll get in touch with you. Perhaps I can interest the network on a show involving you. I know you've heard people say such things before and nothing panned out but I think you know me well enough to realize that I'll do whatever I can. If you have suggestions, let me know, and I'll give you an honest answer on whether it has any possibility of being used.

I've been remarried now (Lorry is her name) for two years and everything is wonderful. We're hoping to get started on a family in the not too distant future. I guess when that happens we'll have to start thinking about a house and leave the city life behind.

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Lorry and I haven't been down to Washington for awhile but next time we do, we'll try to get over to see you at your new address. I'd love to have Lorry meet you and Lillian. There is certainly lots to talk about. Lorry by the way is a free lance writer who used to work for Dramatists Play Service in New York, and before then the Saturday Evening Post. Mostly she has been working on children's stories but lately she's started on a novel. So far it's in the planning stage but she's got plenty of ideas and hopes it works into something good.

We took an entire month vacation before I left WNEW and spent time in France, Italy, Switzerland, England and Wales. We rented a car and drove most of the way. The weather wasn't with us however...it was very cold in May and even into early June...and it kind of put a damper on the trip. Driving thru rainstorms isn't very much fun, even if you're in the most beautiful area of the world. We did have a few good days however so it wasn't all bad. I'm sorry though that we took a whole month and drove so much. Next time it will be shorter and we'll concentrate more on one area. Too many places to see can work a hardship and I was really more tired when I got back than when I left.

I guess that's about does it for now. Again, thanks so much for your note, and keep in touch.

Best regards,

Bill