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Dear Dennis,

The very well packaged box came yesterday afternoon. I was too tired even to open it. This morning I finished catching up on the mail and then opened it. But tired as I am and uncertain about what to do I decided to leave it as you packaged it until I see if I can arrange some space. That will require getting rid of what takes up that space. And whether I will be able to do that later today will depend on how I am when I return from the physical therapy after the blood testing. And, if it is not too cold, as it now is for me, whether I go out and try to find another typewriter ribbon. This one is much ~~pa~~ paler at places than it is here.

I enjoyed the Mailer piece from the Globe you enclose. I've added it to the file.

Mailer is Mailer, always.

John Judge sent me the cassette they made of the comments when the awards were made. Gary Aguilar spoke about me. I had trouble understanding some of it and was also interrupted by the call from the AP reporter who wrote the story the Globe may have today on Livingstone. He did not tell me it was about Livingstone and I refused to talk about him when he asked me about him. Someone who gets the AP wire phoned me late yesterday afternoon to tell me the story is on the wire.

Maybe if Lil is willing I'll see if she can take down what Aguilar said Mailer said about not being there, with me as a reason. The one thing I caught was he said I'd been rude to him. I love that! after what he did to Marina. I might want to add that!

What Montgomery of the Globe did not pick up is that when Mailer explained *why* he used long excerpts from the writing of others not to intrude himself into it that is typical Mailer bullshit. He selects what he uses so that they say what he wants to say and has no need to intrude himself in any other way. His selections for quotation in his Oswald book are from those who say what he wants to say and from them only.

You know what he does not use that was so available to him.

Thanks and best,

*David*