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Dear Sylvie,

The past week has been long, exhausting yet comforting. Probably I'll not have time to mail this before I return to DC "today, I want to let you know just little I can. Aside from the roaring silence of the press, which I still hope will sound off, the reception has been encouraging. I had time to approach 14 bookstores. They took 602 copies. The only one I could visit the next day sold 5 in a single day, despite grumbling about the price. This with no advertising. The books were just on his shelf.

Local distribution will, I think, be arranged this coming week. Two bookstores sent me to the largest distributor. He's interested and may try and interest those in other cities. Two TV networks have expressed an interest, of which I expect nothing, and two local TV stations have asked me if I am available for interview, and I expect to be more available than their cameras. Syndication is under consideration.

There is now a possibility about which I bear the some unhappy responsibility you did - I am under confidence. But as a consequence of what may eventuate, I may want to go to the archives. I am avoiding it, for my feeling hasn't changed. Yet it may turn out that I'll have to go. If I know in advance, is your schedule such that, should you want to go then, you could? I think two can see more than one. Also, from your examination of the list (which I still cannot afford to buy) do you recall anything to which you'd especially refer me?

I have a request from a small paper for permission to serialize, to which I shall today reply in the affirmative.

If you want the return of your errata sheet, I've transcribed the corrections into the book and can return it. Haven't had a chance to look at it, though. I hope the copy we mailed you goes faster than the one you mailed us. My wife is working on an index in the hope commercial publication may now be attracted. Please note any suggestions. I think those you earlier made help. People have smiled at the memorializing of Mr. Hoover's trees along with the emperor's clothes.

If you haven't seen Helt's advance on Lane's book, I can send you the copy I have. Despite the subtlety of the denial, from Trevor-Roper it is clear the knives have been sharpened for Earl Warren. You know my opinion. Enclosed is a copy of the letter I wrote Helt. Lane seems to be exactly what you said.

Should I get any notice in New York, will you please save copies for me. I haven't read even the Washington paper in more than a week. I am encouraged on the working level. My problem is still on the policy level. Everything I hear is that I have the respect and admiration of the press, and that I like. But it will not pay the bills. Did I tell you that the first printer kept the proofs, destroyed the plates, messed up the negatives, requiring a more expensive and slower binding, an even tempered with one you recommended, the omission of frames 202-11, on which we could make but poor correction in the last minute? I borrowed the down payment of \$300, and have until the tenth for the next. I hope some money comes in by then. Sincerely,