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Dear Clay,

Inside the envelope that was postmarked 9/15 at Pocatello was your letter dated June 5. So, whether you are away now or not is a mystery of no importance.

On Lia Smith, if I remember correctly, she is in Los Angeles and is syndicated by the LA Times. So, the date of appearance in SF is probably the date just about everywhere for any given column.

If you are thinking of a newspaper column perhaps there will be a relatively safe subject very soon. The Zapruder estate is making arrangements with a large Chicago outfit to make the film available, at a price, to all. It will go on sale, so to speak if not in fact, in the stores. I have spent much time the past two days talking about this to George Lardner^{ner} of the Washington Post. Once that happens and there is controversy about what people see in it, that can make for more safety in comment. But I urge you to care and caution in which there is no place for the first amendment. Pretend it does not exist in your thinking, much safer!

I regret not being able to contradict Wrono on my health. I'm more feeble and I suppose he could observe that. See him again tomorrow when his son is to be married at Annapolis. McKnight is taking us there.

That fool with the ^{Evica} HD Evica asked Wrono for that paper and got told off. There was no paper. There also was no retraction by Evica of his reasons for asking for the paper or by Jerry Rose, of the then Third Decade. He responded to my complaint telling me I had not subscribed to his rag! That was "response" for that cademecian! He would say no more to me but to another he did admit to another than it was a mistake! Strange people, strange things, very strange!

The guy behind the Conspiracy museum is as fine a fellow as you will ever know, but on that and on the Korean airliner, ~~the~~ 007, he is virtually nuts. Bob Butler, an architect.

There is an element I perhaps did not make clear in telling you that I make no effort to sell the books. When they are all sold they will not exist for sale. The college will not reprint any of them. It will hold the copyrights and can license others to reprint but from what we know of the commercial book press, no reason to expect that outside a rare development or a miracle. So, only those who really want the books can get them now. More or less. Some book stores do order them and we have been getting some orders from Amazon-Com and Barnes and Noble stores. Which to take it means via a computer network of some kind mentioning them.

Another manuscript is beginning to take form based on what Wrono asked of me some time ago and the coming commercial sale of the Zapruder film at your friendly local supermarket. Thanks and best,

