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Dear Mr. Sauvage,

When we spoke by phone this summer, when I was in M. Chatelain's office, I neglected to ask how I could write you, so I have asked the editor of the New Leader, to whom I have written commending him for printing your excellent artciles on the Warren Commission, to forward this to you.

Your pieces are quite good. They are accurate. They raise important points and they answer them, unequivocally. This has not characterized what little writing there has been in this field.

When I was in New York about three weeks ago, one of the editors with whom I spoke reported you have contracted for your book. If this true? Congratulations, if it is the case. I have not yet signed a contract, not have I, since speaking to you, been offered one. There were several times I thought one would be forthcoming, the obvious and detectable excitement was that enconaging. I am in such a condition at this moment. But I have already learned the signing of a contract, with the subject, is not in itself enough. Please let me know about yours, if the news is good.

Also, have you heard what book Gallimard has printed or is printing? I have heard nothing from them directly or indirectly, since speaking to you. Neither M. Mohrt nor M. Gallimard has answered a single one of my letters. Mr. Mohrt also has not answered letters from personal friends who are distressed at the file I showed them. I suspect it is the Lane book, and I further suspect that what happened is Sartre put pressure on Gallimard. I have had a comparison of Lane's book and mine from the senior editor of a major house which would do neither. While it is only one man's opinion, with other information I have gleaned, it convinces me that, if it is, in fact, Lane's book, the book itself was not the deciding factor. Lane's book, I was told several months ago, has been contracted for in Britain, by Boadley-Head in hardback and Penguin in paper. my information came from the person who intriduced Lane to Boadley-Head.

Have you heard of anything else except the Fox book which, in my opinion, was boiled in a pot that was not stirred enough during the cooking? Some publishers are nibbling at the edges of the crust. T.Y. Crowell is having a woman whose name I have forgotten write a psychological study of Ruby and Oswald. Jean Stafford, widow of A.J. Liebling, who had dedicated a fruitful and worthwhile life to exposure of the deficiencies of the press, has written a shameful lampoon of the distraught mother. Farrar-Strauss is publishing it February 25. I have heard of nothing else.

I have not been able to arrange for a French agant. The brother of a friend, who is not an agent, is making some appreciated effort for me. It has as yet yielded no interest.

Good luck to you. Im am looking forward to the day when both of our books have been placed and we can freely sit down and talk about this.

Sincerely yours,