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Dear Gary,

Took Lil grovery shopping tonight, so I decided I'd use the waiting time to read the Butler insanity I'm so deeply in your debt for sending. Don't know when I've enjoyed anything as much. practically nothing since the Mack Sennett days, anyway.

Even after a sickening experience with him, I cannot believe it is real.

He's not that dumb, therefore he is that without scruple.

I anxiously await the next instalment. Bated breathe, even.

Fascinating how one explains the assassin and the assassination without a single word on the crime or the evidence. Which is the only way to try it, I'll hand him that. With the kooks to whom he goes, none will notice it anyway.

What also interests me is his very rapid backtracking. He'd never faced anyone who knew anything about the evidence, and I ruined him with it. Therefore, he has adapted himself (for example, O no longer Communist), and picked up to misquote and misuse some of the other things I used 'i.e., Delgado).

His logic is something else. How does one prevent assassination? Don't suppress the underground papers. Could anything (in his mind) be more rational or to the point?

His recommendation: leave Castro to the Cuban people. Translation: keepya cottinpickin fingers off my meal ticket!

His plea: help private organization (read Butler) do it!

I never dreamed he could be so entertaining.

Please, please, rush the next. Can't wait!

I know it has to come out first.

Have you reminded Fred that Lifton has Butler's published approval? That's a real distinction for a "critic". He's even worth mentioning in the same breathe as Thornley. What higher complement can there be?

No wonder in your last you said Lifton is screaming.....

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