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Dear Ed,

The neverending rush.

I'll be more than happy if the flattering conclusion of your yesterday's letter turns out to be the truth. I appreciate it, much.

That chapter of The Higher Circles is something to which I look forward. I haven't even had time to read the papers and The Pentagon Papers (due today in a Bantam edition, I hear from one from whom I expect a copy).

JG's appearance was a shock to me even though it had been described. His physical health has been bad, too. I'll not be surprised if this fight betters his appearance if any of it is psychosomatic. He is fighting well and, I think, properly, taking the offensive. A 5 a.m. report I heard this a.m. (I do start that early) says the U.A. Atty and another were barricaded in their office to avoid service of his charges against them.

A N.O. source has sent me the 2 and 3 instalments of the affidavits from the S-I. I've skimmed them, the only things I have from there. A hasty reading raises very many questions about the feds and what is in them is entirely self-serving as it relates to Gervais vs JG. It is not persuasive that they have a real case if they waited a year after Kitchell approved wiring Gervais for sound, and after the wiretapping was approved. The number of fed. agencies involved is had to imagine in an ordinary, if important, criminal case. Given all the things you say and with which I agree, as you know, it is looking more like a frame than an entrapment. I note also the avoidance of what should have been said of Gervais in this affidavit.

And, of course, there remains the question, why are the feds blowing their case in court with all this publicity in advance of court?

Thanks for the ref, too. But because I'd asked Jerry to ask you to send me N.O. clips, I want you to know these two instalments I do have.

Best,

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Dear Harold:

Sent you under separate cover The Higher Circles, Domhoff's sequel to Who Rules America. The book is a lucid exposition of the interlocking elite who hold America in a baronacle grip. The CIA Chapter contains some fascinating sociological points.

The recent events in N.O. are sad. Although palpably irrelevant to the N.F.K. investigation they provide the opposition with a cheap ad hominem argument and while, as the joke goes, even a paranoid can be persecuted it is certainly possible (given the progressive mental alienation from reality of "N.G.") that the allegations are correct. Aside from

ethical values, who would accept a bribe on the heels of Alford's charges but then one cannot attribute national motives to an irrational mind.

If you saw J. G. today, you might find him far worse than before.

The source of Kennedy's statement that he wished "to splinter the CIA in a thousand pieces and scatter it to the winds" was The New York Times of April 25, 1966. Sylvia used it in Accessories.

I have always felt your work transcended particular issues and belongs to the great social and historical tradition of sociological criticism whatever its genre - the tradition in America of Myers, Sinclair, Engler, Dos Passos, Lumberg, the Jack London of The Iron Heel, Mills - - - .

Best Wishes,

