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Dear Phil,

So good to hear from you, the rest of the stack can wait! Make it you are both well.

The submission will not be by a niece but a girl who works in the office of someone I know but who will no longer be welcome here because of his part in a literary thievery which isn't nearly as nasty as what it's part of.

We're both addicted to Buchwald, think he has a special kind of genius even his hypochondria can't impede. So, we're glad to have the book, for which many thanks. That is the kind of reading that can be done in relaxing snatches.

Although I had the reprint of the incredible article by the personally incredible Lattimer, I'm glad to have the original, which includes the ranthead. It also makes me wonder for what they have an advisory board. The pathologist knows nothing of pathology or isn't qualified or didn't read it. I haven't yet, but I've seen enough of it. I've had correspondence with the thing. Can't call him anything else except a urologist. On every other description he falls. All his writing is incredible. He is an extremist who goes so far as to invent sources and then cite them as though they are real, do exist. It is all beyond belief.

The disturbing part about Brenner is that his finances can't be explained, and there are authenticated associations during the crucial period I suspect the trials will not go into. These doubts will linger. If he does.

Don't worry about the Sat. Inq. In the simplest form I could conceive it was too complicated for their readers. I didn't tell the whole story, just set it as a spring-board and asked what will happen when a really right nut starts at-and-mouing an assassination, and use that as an example, and the official dismissal.

As I lost again, if the story is charming, maybe I did say something; I've forgotten about one niece, in high school. Didn't recall she writes poetry, in 1st year.

But I had to raise question man I think in on Oddie letter with Secret Service because he told me he was going to stand about that time. Permanently. Univ. stand. I've not done anything else on it.

I do remember the invite. Medical care here is a real mess. I still haven't learned what I want to know, still haven't locate any kind of expert to appraise us and our medical records to assess whether or not he could testify to probable damage from noisy whirlybirds. It all seems futile and I'm into too much to concentrate on it. Especially when the lawyer seems to be doing nothing. Par.

Odie your letter coincides with one to another in which I report that what if any part Thornley played in anything remains unclear, but strong suspicions are unallayed. Have you heard anything of him? I heard he had left Tampa, where he was pumping gas. Spent an evening with Carlos Castillo, who still calls himself an Kerry anarchists. He says Kerry was a good waiter and a lousy writer, too bad he didn't continue as a waiter. He hadn't heard anything in a long time, despite their friendship.

Again thanks, and best to you both,

sincerely,

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Dear Hal,

Many thanks for yours postmarked 30 May. Your difficulties with the psycho/medical people impossible for me to grasp fully. But I think, now, that the main problem is that I simply do not know what it is like to seek any sort of private or personal treatment in the eastern U.S. Good god, what a hell'va mess! Again, do remember our invitation—good anytime, of course. Anytime at all. Nebraska may not be very hip...but we'll find you a physician with more humanity than those you've described. And honest treatment as well.

Bremer. From all accounts a genuine cipher. Makes Oswald and the others seem distinguished, by comparison. Still, he almost did it. Wallace was lucky—and he's evidently fairly tough, physically, too. The governor hardly represents a political view that I endorse, but having some demented idiot shoot him only lends more momentum, I'm afraid, to a campaign that might have otherwise begun to fade as it deserves.

At the same time, I do regret hearing that you've sent the Ockie thing for consideration by National Enquirer. If they print it you may rue the day. But I do want to read it if it's published so let me know.

Story of your niece is charming, though she may find us uncommonly hard-nosed about mss. Or so other people say. At least we have always replied directly, in our own hand & not via printed rejection or acceptance notice, and spoken frankly. Frankness, I dare say, is in this business always demanded—and seldom appreciated when supplied. In any case, we give our opinion...which is of course all we have available in the first place. Eh?

Buchwald. Thanks for the clips—one of which we had indeed missed seeing. Your hunch about the Weird-Herald not running his column is understandable, given that paper's overall Calvin Coolidge point of view...but in fact the W-H does carry Buchwald—probably because the wit is too heavy for them...

Re: your letter to Kelley. Goddamnit Hal, this must be the 27th carbon you've sent us! We're still working on it.

Enclosed here is a Buchwald book we thought you might enjoy having on the shelf, and also the text of Lattimer's article in the May Resident & Physician.

Must quit & move on to other corres. Take best care of yourselves—

Rei (enclosed)