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Dear Miss Brunson,

Many weeks ago I addressed this envelope to you, why I do not now recall. Today I finished my sixth book, COUP D'ETAT: I ACCUSE THE CIA. In rummaging through my desk looking for things I might have forgotten, I found the envelope. If there was something I was to have written you about and forgot, I'm sorry.

Haven't heard much from you since you developed a collaborator.

Since I wrote I've been to New Orleans a couple of times and developed a considerable amount of new information, and witnesses, and proofs of what I had suspected. These will have to wait the future.

We've had new tragedies and I do not feel happy about so unjustly punishing them.

Withall, we have no new allies. Dante said it: the hottest corner of hell is reserved for those who preserve their neutrality in times of moral crisis. Bobby also said it, in speaking at Columbia University in October 1964. Unfortunately, he didn't understand it.

And yet, I think we now cheer. Unfortunately, fascism also does, and they have the power. The recent defense maneuvers in New Orleans have had an adverse effect on the defense's public-relations program. They have helped us. Even Shaw's friends are asking questions.

I have no idea when, how or if the sixth book will be published. Its completion means no delay. I now have additions to make to the fifth, which was drafted before we moved, last September.

I did do a short response to Epstein in the evening BOOKS.

And there appears to be confirmation that Shaw did tell the police he used the alias Clay Bertrand.

Indications are a date in September will be set for the trial, I'd imagine about the middle. The defense will go to the Supreme Court, unless they come up with other timely motions. I almost hope they do. The closer that case comes to trial, the closer death is to several of the principals.

Hope you are well.

Sincerely,

Harold Weisberg