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Dear Tom,

Our letters crossed. Yours of 9/26 reminds me to ask you either to use regular envelopes, which possibly the PO is less inclined to check carefully, or to weigh them. After the initial burst of overpayments you have been trying to get it back and they aren't letting you. Where I pick the mail up at the grocery store, I can pay the postage due and get the letter. When we move, there will be a note and I'll have to go into town to the PO or leave the money for the following delivery. It'll slow the mail down more.

In your marking of the Miller column you have an asterisk reading "naturally incorporate" along side Audrey Hepburn. Quite a suggestion! Also near this mark is the suggestion Garrison is looking ahead to an investigation of the organized underworld. What's the poop? But hold on, if this is true, the real hazard to our society comes from the "over" world.

The Harwood clipping is an extra copy I'm glad to get. The Post, for whom he works, carried the story. I have learned they do not always carry full texts. I'll compare them during TIGER. Harwood will not like POST MORTEM, nor will his employers. I shouldn't have left the LATimes out entirely, but I did. I should have noted Donovan's finkery. Guess I'm aging.

I'm doing an epilogue for it, with sensational new materials. This is not only to avoid the work of redoing several chapters, for which there isn't time. It is also to make the new stuff stand out more, to emphasize the consequences of its suppression, and to allow a couple of the lawyers to engage in self-portraiture. I've got stuff in this book even the Archives says they do not have (and did!). I really think it is hot. What worries me is my fatigue and deep immersion. I wish it were possible for someone else to read it. I am arranging for that, but not as an editor would read it. A foreign correspondent I trust is coming here today. I'll also show him some documents.

Because I do not know the scoop at LIFE I haven't phoned Billings, who doesn't control policy anyway. That newest piece on Garrison is pretty thin. Offhand, I'm inclined to go along with McKeithan's analysis, it is a parallel to the NBC ploy. To me, that means CIA. Had this story not appeared, I'd have phoned Billings with some of my new stuff, which should be separately saleable.

I'm inclined to think that the alleged Negro plot in Phila is nonexistent and an FBI-Specter play, his stake being a needed plug for his campaign.

Almost time for the mail to go. Told you in previous letter I had phoned Starr. Heard nothing since. We're also hoping to hear from a man with a truck who can move us, hope within the next few days. I'll let you know when.

Hastily,

Carryover on your letter to Wartes missing. I've been hearing such things for years. Now there are two of us not so dominated.