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Dear Steve,

There has been a slight change in my travel arrangements. There is a plane on a different line leaving at a better time for me and I suspect for everyone. It is National Flight 38, nonstop to New Orleans and getting there in the middle of the afternoon. This gives me a better chance to get to where I was sole to borrow a car last time, before the end of the business day. My agent is going to book me on it. This far in advance it should be just about automatic.

I was able, while I was in Washington today, to speak to one of our new additions and one I've been trying to turn on. I think it is likely there will be some scholarly studies not on the specific evidence, on which we work, but in related aspects. It has not yet jelled, but I'll tell you what I know when I am there.

A new book is available, although publication date is several weeks away. It is now called "The Weight of the Evidence". Signed by Jay David the anthologist is Bill Adler. Why he used a pen name when he is so well known in his own I do not understand. However, I discovered that he never consummated his agreement with me and used more than he had asked. I am not happy that he used the Scavengers' chapter on me, and I am now sorry I did nothing about that then. Everyone said let it alone, we'd just attract attention to it, so I did. We are going to have to make a record with such things or they will never stop being misused against us. Quotes of me, for example, are carefully edited, with no omission indicated. Almost all of what I told them was off the record. I refused to make a single on-the-record criticism of any critic. They there were only Mark, Epsilon and Popkin. Then there were the "Scavengers" and I, Sylvia, Maggie, Ray, etc. When they approached me, there was no reference to a book, no suggestion of one, no indication of the kind of thing they did, for they talked only of a record for college, historical use. Sylvia's judgement there was best. She just refused to talk to them at all. Or, rather, next best to Maggie's dog.

Jim sent me a copy of his broadcasts and letters to Clark. I'll use them. Glad he phoned me, so I could give him the Bobby Baker stuff on Bress. Best regards,