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Dear Harold :

The news from New Orleans certainly is all to the good and I hope you'll be able to cash in on it somehow ---

I have a difficult thing to do in that it involves, in the words of the old proverb, 'the only vice is advice' nonetheless I cannot avoid it and I hope you'll understand ---

In your talking with me last whenever it was you mentioned you were working on a book about Manchester and his book -- the other evening my wife read me excerpts from the third installment as we happen to subscribe to *Look* -- we were having cocktails before dinner and she read the part where the medical examiner and the JP tried to stop Kellerman and Kenny O'Donnell from removing the casket to Washington -- well we both ended laughing so much that I immediately wrote a note to myself to be sure and tell you not to bother ~~him~~ to ~~criticize~~ criticize him because it really won't be worth the effort -- he doesn't write well and his facts are all wet but in the final analysis it doesn't matter with him because people will get a laugh out of that part and the only part you could concentrate on will be prior to that where the facts are important and he is lousy and therefore unimportant there -- so let his book founder there by itself and keep directing your energies on the report and the facts just as you have been -- I hope you understand why I say this -- it's partly because your work is so damned important and partly because I don't want your proposed criticism to interfere with the main theme and I think it would boomerang on you and Whitewash II & III --

sincerely

Bob Guler