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Dear Mary,

We'd been wondering, from your long silence, whether something might be wrong. Glad Buck is now better. We're okay, but pooped. This is the time of the year Lil works, and the hours are very long. Mine haven't shortened, either. I'm just back from a rather successful trip to Memphis.

Good news about Jimmy Lee. Sounds like one of the better assignments.

I'm supposed to have copies of FRAME-UP to sell but not to bookstores. I've neither gotten them nor heard about them. I'll know by this weekend and I'll let you know. There would be a little in it for me, thanks. The publishers have done just about nothing except not keep their words of schedules, which is par for that business. I just got my first copy today. I want to Memphis without any.

Please tell Arch not to be perturbed. They were waiting for the completion of the order for two reasons: to assure completeness and to reduce the cost of making copies for those like me who have problems that way. The work will be done all at one time and at a slack period, like a weekend. I'll be there tomorrow and if there is any delay now on prospect, I'll let you know. Jim told me about a week ago that they were close. I've seen only the tiny bit the Archives sent me. I'd hate for some of that to get into the wrong hands, for it can be harmful to us if misused or, in some cases, if used at all. We have our own share of nuts.

Lily will be please to know that your Night Blooming Cereus is doing so well. But she'd never take that long a drive. She finds 2 1/2 hours to go to my mother close to intolerable. And she can't fly. It would be nice, though, and good for both of us.

That bit about Gamberling is fascinating. What was it that the US Atty thought to important? That you didn't say. The US Atty might have been excited without interesting Camb. Or the FBI.

I've kept very busy. Spent more than a month preparing papers in the suit for pictures of the clothing and now just finished a shorter set, which poor Lil will have to type over the weekend. And I suppose there may be some promotions on the book. Glad somebody told you it is good. Didn't know anyone down there had seen it. Enclosed it a copy of the pre-pub review in Publisher's Weekly, the trade magazine, and of a NYTimes editorial of the time of the trial. I was just given a few xeroxes of both.

Best to you all, and again, thanks for your kind offer.

Sincerely,

March 8, 1971

Dear Harold and Lil:

Jimmy Lee has been home since March 18th... he leaves Friday for Fort Dix, New Jersey, and will go from there to Germany. He seems well and seems to like the service. He will be in the Adjutant General's office as a clerk. His uncle is a Colonel in Brussels and will be able to visit with him often.

Buck has been very ill and hasn't worked this year, but he seems improved and is expecting to return to work soon.

I have heard about Frameup and that it is great!!! I have alerted every book store in the area to get it, but I wanted to know if you would make more if I bought my copies directly from you. I will want a number of copies and would be happy to send you a check for the books as well as the postage, if you would make more out of them that way. Otherwise, I'll just buy a couple of copies from each bookstore.

We still don't have a single page of the recently declassified documents. Arch is getting rather perturbed about it, but I'm sure Bud will be sending them soon. I guess you've gone over them all by now. Did you find anything of interest in any of them?

My plant that Lil gave me (the night-blooming thing) has grown to about four feet. It is getting so big... has a long stem and is putting out about five new leaves. I'm so proud of it. I wish I could see that beautiful country right now... I'll bet it's lovely. However, more than that, I wish you two would get in the car and take a leisurely trip down to Dallas. Just take your time and drive a few hours a day and come visit me. I'll pay for all the gasoline, etc., for the trip if you'll do that. This is the nicest time of year in Dallas... not cold and not yet 110° in the shade. Maybe while Lil was here, she could wave her magic "green thumb" over my front yard and make the grass grow!!! I know that from now til April 15th Lil will be busy, but why not consider such a trip right after the 15th?

Harold, did you know that Bob Gemberling is still attached to the Dallas office of the FBI and still handling the things that come up regarding the assassination? We found that out quite by accident last week. A friend of mine took something they thought was important to the Federal Attorney's office and they became excited about it and called the FBI and wrote him a letter asking him to get in touch with Gemberling with the material. What do you think about that?

Well, I must get to work. We have really been "snowed under" ever since the first of the year... and with Buck at home ill and then Jimmy's arrival, I've been pretty busy as home.

Love to you both,

*Mary*