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Dear Mary,

I hope that it is not any health problem that accounts for our not getting a card from you. There are other good reasons, of course, but because this is the first year we did not get one I did wonder. No need to reply because I'll hear soon enough, the reason clear in what follows.

Two Baltimore policemen friends of ours will be going to Dallas soon and they'll look you up and I'll hear how you all are when they get back. They were here yesterday. (David, by the way, has two wonderful little boys, two of the best and the very brightest and yet all boy.) Both are interested in the JFK case, Richard including as a collector.

Some years ago Al Chapman took some pictures for me, including of several points I'd asked him about on the grassy knoll, particularly of the fence. When these men asked me if there is anything I'd like checked I went into that interest with them and then went to the files to get those pictures. The entire grassy knoll file is gone. And this is not the first time recently that entire files are gone. It happens that the grassy knoll file was the first in that drawer and is on the label, so it would be each to pinpoint if anyone had that interest.

You've never seen what I've accumulated but ask these men when you see them. If I wanted to keep an eye on those who have access, it is impossible for me. Most is in the basement and I can't stand still and can't use the stairs more than a couple of times a day. So if anyone wants to steal from there it is easy for them. (The grassy knoll file was in my office. Most of what is in the basement is FOIA records and working file overflow.)

I've heard that Al died some years ago. If by any chance you have copies of those pictures I'd appreciate it if you'd let Richard and David borrow them so they can make copies and return them.

Bill and I like both. They are good men. Every time they are here they look for things that need doing that I am not able to do. Without being asked, Richard has made friends with Lavelle, who has a daughter not far from here in Virginia and visits her.

We do hope you are all well. At least as well as the accumulating years permit. By and large that is true of us. The local cardiologist today said he is satisfied with my condition. Only thing new he did not have to tell me. The hernia that developed at the bottom of the incision for the open-heart surgery is gradually getting larger. They do nothing to correct that unless and until it is necessary. All it now means is that I have new restrictions atop the many following that surgery. But I'm grateful to be able to say that I never have a really bad day. It will be nice to know that you all can say that!

Our best,

Harold