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Dear Larry,

Thanks for ltr 14, Triumph of Evil. If you have not read The Billiken Courier, The Smith Conspiracy, they relate. If you find Billiken, please get two, for I have friend who wants and don't remember to whom I loaned by unreturned copy. Of the new such novels, I have advance copies The Wilby Conspiracy, Order of Battle. Are there others to which you refer? Lil has read two latter, not I.

Springfield: I have more from life but until your man gets cracking, no point in sending. I'll be hearing from his wife soon, have heard (in confidence) more from him.

Kidney infection if doctor hasn't spoken of prostate, ask. I have a little of that kind now, did in early 20s also. Then it cleared up. If the problem id delay in passing and reduced flow, ask about prostate.

Thanks for kudos HHH and Wallace. I am always surprised when everyone misses the obvious, displays lack awareness modern political (and official) semantics, as currently on bugging scandal.

The girl's name is Clare Sacrest. Don't rule out and don't indicate awareness possible paranoia. I gave her good legal names Madison at outset. If she hasn't contacted them, hasn't been back to me on them, just listen or ask why, suggest.

Not surprised brother Gerry hasn't called. He and better-known have fallen silent. I think I've pressed too close and too hard. But I will again soon. No new word here.

When you go Puerto Rico 6/25 if you have time look up Gilberto Concepcion de Gracia, old friend, once head Independistas, original counsel for Albizu Campos et al, last reported Ponce. If you do, our best. He might provide stories, too.

I knew you'd not likely be at work when I phoned yesterday. I'd called your home first. Spoke to one on desk I think named beginning "H". Brief backgrounding Demos buging. Sorry you not there, for if he didn't use any of the leads, he got needlessly beat by today's Wash Post, which did. I have more that may be relevant on those farout, crazy Cubans and their Republican organizations. Post didn't tell whole story on Bernie (Haynes Johnson's Bay of Pigs, pp 60-1. Alias Valdes, see op cit 154.

I've been writing this awaiting callback Bob Greunberg. Desk asked that I phone. Bet he calls as soon as I get into pool!

Fiorini/Sturgis also reportedly Minuteman.

Cut swim short in case Bob called, but he hasn't and I get to other things. best,

Later: Bob called and I backgrounded, read files, etc. He should have his own Cuban notes from his own earlier work, recalls some names.

Best,

June 14, 1972

Dear Harold,

My friend in Springfield is giving me some problems with finding the stuff we need. His main problem is lazy streak. I'll keep pushing him although things are a bit strained right now.

I haven't been too well lately and may have to go into the hospital for tests and...next month. I'm not even too sure what it is right now. I thought it was just a kidney infection, but the antibiotics aren't taking care of it.

I apologize for ever doubting you on Humphrey-Wallace. I didn't think the old man was so desperate for the big brass ring. You can't trust a man who lets his cat sleep on his pillow. I'm a teddy bear man myself.

I thought the novel might be of interest to you if you haven't seen it yet. The Wallace-like character is especially interesting in that he gets paralyzed from the waist down. Note that this book was originally published last year in hard back. Plenty of time for a gullible mind to read it and start following politicians around. Just a thought.

There have been a flurry of assassination novels lately in paperback. I'm thinking of trying to work up a book review type article on them for our Saturday edition although I don't know if they'll buy it.

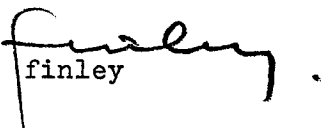
Your friend called me. The girl. I can't remember her name. It's in your letters, but going back through them is like reviewing the Warren committee volumes by now.

That Dell paper of your book is a first edition. The same book store just got in a large collection of Kennedy-assassination and Kennedy family type books. Obviously a Kennedyophile going out of business somewhere.

I'm going to Puerto Rico will be there June 25 through July 1. Guild business.

Back to your friend. She wanted to know how she went about ~~XXXXXX~~ getting a lawyer who specialized in civil rights law. She's up in Madison now. I told her that the Bar Assn. had a referral service and she said she would try it. She also said she was having mail problems. Some late, some not at all. I suggested she talk to the post master in Madison personally or post stuff out of town. She sounded like a nice person. A little in need of a friend.

The brother hasn't called.


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