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Dear John,

Sorry you didn't make it this past weekend. Perhaps you can the one coming. But, on the chance you do not, I am sending what I'd asked you to deliver for me. First Bud was going up (he's a friend you do not know), so it is long delayed. I am leaving it open so you can be without apprehension, there being nothing secret in it. It is all from the Commission's public files.

My last word from Ralph is that he is to be out of the country for two weeks.

There has been no word from my possible collaborator in 10 days, which need mean nothing. I've also heard from one of his associates, the legal non-eagle. If anything come of this, it cannot begin for a while because it is indispensable that I complete my own work first, if only to eliminate any possible accusation it includes what is not mine. The draft is nearing completion. And it is already much too long. Unless Ron can have ~~xxx~~ what relates to this aspect alone separated into a separate work.

I think my health is okay. I've got to take it easier, though, and I am, even if with taking it easy I just did 15,000 words in two days! And the most difficult, the analysis of the evidence!

I think Teddy is a hotrodder, less fortunate than LBJ, who got too drunk, had an accident, went to those he thought he could depend on to help him out, and their very bad advice was complicated by their intense desire not to disclose their own indiscretions. It is immaterial to me whether or not he had a thing going with the girl. I do not think the car was tampered with. What disturbs me more than his lack of capacity to rise to a crisis is his trust in those more incapacitated than he. The Secret Service can keep the President from getting drunk, from driving, whether or not drunk, if he is incapable, but they cannot do anything about his cronies or his advisors. Teddy's are terrible. The real villain in all of this seems to be a former U.S. Attorney upon whom he immediately leaned for advice - and took that advice! It is not enough to say he has better brains in his office when he does so much out of it! But I have no personal knowledge. This is but my analysis coming from an incomplete reading of the papers.

Looking forward....

Best,

July 25, 1969

Dear Harold and Lil:

I had hoped to be able to visit you this weekend but because ~~of~~ Monday was a holiday, Sonia had a class rescheduled for this evening. That would have meant that we could't have come until Saturday and everything would have been a bit too hectic.

Perhaps next weekend. I spoke with Schoenman and there is a better chance that he could make it next weekend too.

My plans are to remain in the city ~~until~~ ~~about~~ until about the middle of August and then go out West. I will be working for my father for several weeks to try to earn enough money to help me through the fall. As you know, I am on a scholarship in school.

Sonia is going to summer school at Columbia and will go home about the end of this month.

Harold, I was intrigued by your possible affiliation. I will do all I can to further your project. Do you have any idea when you could begin? Have there been any further developments? And how is your health? I hope that you haven't had any further seizures.

The weather here has been quite cloudy and rainy. I try to play tennis when I can but those hours are all too infrequent.

By the way, any thought on the Kennedy accident? Do you think someone might have tampered with his car?

I am looking forward to seeing you both as soon as possible and will call if we can come down. I would like to very much.

Sincerely,

