Dear John, Dont misunderstand the long delay in responding to your cars. 7/17/74 I'm staying that busy; three books simultaneously besides assassinations work, and that on the Ray case takes a fair amount of time. (My work led to bictories in 6th circuit, affirmed by Supreme Court, with evidentiary hearing now scheduled for Oct.) I'm drawing to the end of a very rough draft of what should be an exciting Watergate book, The Unimpeachment of Richard Nixon. How he avoided it, with "new evidence." I've completed the writing of what should make a significant new JFK book, with many overtones and mostly "new evidence" in the form of facsimile reproductions of unpublished documentation, mostly with TOP SECRET all over in large black stemps. To see that this one comes out a friend is going to borrow the \$5,000 it requires for printing. Or, I stay even busier and it gets tougher and tougher on Lil.

You make no mention of Sonia. Hope she is well. We are o.k.

Double the number in our address, Rt. 8.

If you had stayed in touch I'd have looked you up. I was in NTC twice last year, once, in May, for a weak. The second time, for a day, was to see a German publisher's rep who was excited about a Watergate book, ercited by what I showed him, and never got back to me. I proceeded with the book, a really definitive one that was many books in one, broken down that way, to make a real record of what I correctly assumed would not be put together and recorded. After more than a year it requires no single change. Boast. But it grew too hon, for the lack of interest. What I've done in this entirely new and different one is narrow it and treat what I handle as a tree, with a major trunk and many branches., a central theme with developments shooting off. There is much CIA in it. It also requires no changes for developments but will probably need a fair amount of editing. I'm not even reading it until I complete the draft.

It is a tough book, there has been no single substantial one despite all that has appeared, there has been no single real investigation, so I do not believe the commercial prospects are promising. Subtitle, the story of my life. But as you know, while living this way is not pleasant and certainly not easy, it is the way I will live and it is what I will do.

When I was in New York and not without difficulty I tracked Manny Pavener down. He hid that I learned in fluding him, that he had a three-year suspension from the bar for a dishonesty that I later learned was from decent, human motives. Thereafter his mother died, the night of the lay I found him, so he was not in the office the next day. I had to leave, and he subsequently just slipped town entirely, nobody knowing where he is. I suppose he got himself deeper in. Anyway, this is quite a blow in trying to do some thing about Dell's gypping. I have been trying without success to get an accounting from Dell. I do get protestations of holiness and purity from Bair, who is now a vicepresident, but nothing else. and I can't afford a lawyer while the statutes are running. There is a mail-fraud case, but can you imagine the federal government taking one for me? (By the way, the did take one they described on the postal-inspector level as airtight only to reject it without explanation, against a different publisher. When I said pay up of I got to vourt, they did pay up, \$5,500. This and an out-of-court settlement on the helicopter suit have ended that part of our considerable indebtedness that was to our bank. We thus have that much weight off our backs.)

I have to leave in a few minutes. We were glad to hear from you. I've had your card on my desk for thus kind of moment, when I had to stop work or when I came to a natural pause in it without time to go further before I'd have to stop.

If you decide to return to the U.S., do figure on a visit.

Our best,

Pari-June 4 33 Rue des Favorites Dear Harold and Lil: 1.10 Often I think about both of you and so much has been happening that the days pass and I don't write. I received my Ph.D. in February and promptly left for Paris where I have been § working on a novel. Since  $\underline{L}^{\mathbb{Z}}$   $\xrightarrow{\mathbb{Z}}$  Mr. Harold Weisberg to find some job in the falling Route 4 but whether in Europe or the Frederick, Maryland United States I don't yet hardw. U.S.A. I like Paris but not the Lib Re Parisians. I hope that all is well with both of you. (Flease Please let me know how you are doing. I is there any book forward) you would like me to buy 60m anything i can de officiel PAR AVION la gentre des armées française Best, 8404.2 0, (I went to Israel for the October war.)