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Dear John,

All that has kept me from writing you for some time is an attack of bursitis which has reduced the amount of typing I have been able to do. It has improved much but, with excessive or hard use, flares up again and I've not yet worked my way out of the accumulation.

I'd wondered and really worried about you intermittently, fearing that perhaps you were ill. Your move to nearer the college seems wise, regardless of what caused it.

If I knew the latest date I still couldn't tell you when the book will be out, for not one promise has been kept, not one schedule met, and I still do not have a complete set of proofs. My hope is simple: soon. My expectation also is soon. But I've trod so wearily so many of the paved roads to hell...

Much of it has been messed up, esp. in appearance. It remains a good book. Only time will tell what kind of reception it will get. There is much in it you haven't seen or heard of. And, I'll have only 8 freebees, which will not take care of either of our families.

Physically we are both as well as when last you saw us. Emotionally, we are more worn. I am at the present a bit dispondent (it will not last) because my pressures, those of others, the threats and imminence of litigation and factors I can't estimate until I see the stuff have led to the declassification of something over a thousand pages of once-withheld (to me, suppressed) Warren Commission documents, and I haven't the money to buy them. I'll make an inventory as soon as I can (the list that has been supplied being both incomplete and meaningless. Were I to guess, I'd say this would require a minimum of \$200-250 and possibly more. Or, not less than at least half of one of my quarterly interest payments.

Happily, I was foresighted and anticipated the possibility that the second half of the advance, due about a week from now under the original scheduling, would be late. So, in giving the bank the first half, I held back enough to meet that payment due in less than two week. So, this is one forestalled emergency.

I ought write more and I also shouldn't, for I'd best not challenge the bursitis. Sorry you didn't get here, hope you still will, and I expect to be in NYC prior to publication of the book or on pub date. I'll let you know, meaning when that is and which it will be. By the way, if your mag is one that could get a review copy, ask for it.

Hope you have a good year. If you do, we all will. Best from us both,