

Dear Dick,

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The summary of what the book will say is completed. It is not good. I want to reread it and see if I can make improvement of significance without doing it all over. My wife will without retyping it and then I'll mail it. This can't be before Monday. Sorry. If in this act what you want let me know and I'll do it another way.

In part it has been difficult for me to concentrate on this because of the medical situation. I had a perhaps unjustified scare yesterday and I've heard nothing from my doctor all week. My own has ignored Dr. Sank's letter, which he should have had Monday (at least in allusion with me) and now I wrote him Monday and called Sunday. This kinda feeds the anxiety. Although my doctor has told me I have to stop smoking. I'm trying it by tapering and that makes me nervous. Last night I wrote my doctor again and will mail it today. He'll have it Monday as he also will my Sunday's blood test.

What this is going to boil down to is a question of the medical situation, what it permits, what it precludes and perhaps most of all how to adjust. I've been thinking of ways around the discomforts and what seems not to be indicated and I think I'll be able to work it all out. I have adjusted to rowing long, pretty much to rowing less.

I'm still looking for a helper. To date the search for a housewife when the kids are in school has been unsuccessful. I've switched it to the local girl's college, for a student who can at least type. If there is no alternative, while it will cause limitations and problems, I may not get paper disseminated in Washington.

I'm still a little intimidated by the magnitude of the available material. It seems an immediately selection out and then perhaps a cutting. And it is all so rich. This can be a book like some of the others, endless. It will have to begin close to the bone. But is also can't be a small book. I want not only credibility but a book that can have immediate impact and a second life. As of now Congress is not serious and the agencies are manipulating it and getting away with murder. So I want the book to do much of what a Congressional investigation might and to be the basis for one.

However, before too long I'll have a working outline of some sort. It requires much thought. I've asked Oscar's advice because he knows the material well.

It will not be long before the Kennedy story, which will be amplified, will be out. He seems to have a good relationship and the man with whom I'm working has done very well with what I turned over. I'll be using it. In effect it will say the FBI set King up to be killed in Memphis. What were motive so we need for all the FBI's subsequent covering up, so much of which I now have.

If I have to I'll be able to write much or most while I'm walking around the house, sitting not being good or comfortable with the legs up. A friend is lining up a miniature machine for me and I have one that with the right kind of microphone I can wear around my neck. Between the two it will work.

Things will settle down. The faster I know the medical realities and limitations the faster it will happen. On this I've already started taking your advice. I have an optical appointment locally Monday and with an internist on the 9th. It actually took an hour and a half to get through to his office!

As my earlier letter indicates, aside from Time readers few know about what their propaganda piece. I got not one call and I've neither seen nor heard a review. Few people believe this sort of thing any more.

Again thank and best to all.