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Dear Helen,

It is easy to get discouraged-and dangerous. There is too much at stake and too few to do anything.

What is going on is what always follows a coup d'etat. There will, if necessary, be more. Silencing is on all levels. I have just returned from a trip to New York to address an RFK memorial meeting. NBC and a local TV station and the NYTimes covered, but no one reported! They did (NBC) take pictures of the audience.

Paul and his people have also done work on the CDs. Try not to duplicate. Those are wonderful young people out there.

There is no rush on the clippings. I'd just like to know that some time in the not too distant future I'll have a complete story on it.

Has Kerry Thornley been entirely silent lately?

On the clippings, please broaden it to include everything you come across on violence by your motorcycle groups. Some of it is paid for.

I think Paul and his people have gone over CDs 75, 301. Suggest you write and ask. Perhaps there are others they have not been able to do. But perhaps that is by name only.

Too much of a hurry. Thanks for writing, and chins up!

Best,

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Dear Harold:

Whatever is going on? Are we to be given a choice of dictators only? And is every questioning voice to be silenced by whatever means is available?

Sorry to have let this reply to your 9 May go for so long. I have been using every minute I could spare - until today - on the CD lists. This will take quite some time yet since I don't believe I am even half through compiling then comes checking and re-checking and re-typing. But I will give first attention to CD 75 and CD 301 for you. 301 is anything but complete. In fact, you might call it fragmentary at the best.

As yet, I have not contacted Paul Hoch on this - partly because I was so busy on it and partly because I thought I should do as much as I could first. You will be pleased to know I heard some very complimentary things about Mr. Hoch in a letter from people who know him in California. You did not escape the kind words, either. And other nice things were written concerning the director of the seminar at San Francisco State College, a young man who was said to be working closely with you.

All of this makes me feel I am in good company and very humble when I think of what you and those others have accomplished.

Harold, I think I may have those clippings you asked for - at least, as they appeared in our local papers. As I have written you before, I behave something like a pack rat at times and have accumulated stacks of papers, just hoping for the time to go through them and start cutting.

I have had to assign priorities, however, and do not quite know how to decide what should be done first. Since the index by name is already being done in California, and very thoroughly, perhaps I should continue with what I am doing rather than stop and start something else and lost track of exactly where I was on my own project.

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The police chief in Los Angeles is certainly no Curry. The city does have its own version of Wade, however, in the person of Mayor Yorty.

The most disturbing thing I have noticed is the almost constant reference to "another Lee Harvey Oswald" - again, as in the instance of Martin Luther King, the impression is almost that this is another opportunity for the news media to reaffirm the Warrne Commission report.

If only Eugene McCarthy will continue, perhaps there is yet some hope for us. I don't think he had ever comprehended the danger he, too, was in until he heard of the shots at Robert Kennedy. McCarthy seems to be the only candidate left in either party who has any grasp on the true situation, the only one who has been able to understand the thinking of the people. It may be that Gov. Rockefeller has a similar view but I have not heard him say enough to be able to know.

Meanwhile, be careful yourself. All my best to you and your wife.

Sincerely,

*Helen*