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Dear Matt,

How they would take temperatures in the low teens I cannot guess, but I am confident Melissa and Matthew would have delighted in the seven-inch snow we had a week ago. It lingers, in sledding quality, and the high winds have kept the pond clear for skating. However, lately the local children haven't been skating, why I do not know. I suppose the local ski slope is popular. The days have been ideal for it, beginning with beautiful sunrises over our long-needed pines.

Those notes I began while I was there have been a book for about two weeks, perhaps 75,000 words. Lil is typing it as she can, for offset, but is making slow time because she works until about 6 nightly. I have been readying the appendix. I wonder if it will be more than a too-hasty historical record. Meanwhile, I have given Bud the essence and he used part in the brief. Unless there is the typical New-Orleans last-minute fast shuffle, more will go into evidence in the morning. Once this thing was ever so much more important and promising that what is getting the (unpleasant) headlines. It still has the potential, despite what has been done to it.

If Art Kevin calls you, I told him to. He is a fine fellow, has been a good friend to all of us, tried to save Jim from himself so manytimes and ways, and has been a friend through enormous abuse, the kind few newsmen would take in silence. Art is newsdirector for KHJ, Hollywood, and feeds 26 other stations. He is at the Thunderbird, 525-7272, and may be lonely. Perhaps Carol would like a dinner, etc. (maybe a piece of), unless John is back. By now Art must be getting bored and lonely.

I've been intending to tell you that I filled the forms out and mailed them the day I got them from you.

Hope things look better from close up than from the distance!

Best to everyone.

Sincerely,

Harold Weisberg

P.S. If you hear from John, I'd like to know who on his paper to get in touch with. What I have now is different, does not have to be engled as "assassination", which seems to turn the editors off. And it is sensational. Ramsey Clark and some of the other better reputations will not survive it if it gets attention.