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Dear both,

I've been keeping Lil too busy to dictate to her! Since returning from New Orleans I've more than doubled the size of COUP D'ETAT. It is now about 75,000 words. Typing it was bad enough, but fitting in the additions! Poor Lil! I've still got two more to do. I'm always finding more.

Think you'll like this one. A little tough on the fascists, a word used frequently in it. Wish I knew when -or that- it'll be out- or how.

There's been another mysterious death. I can tell you little about it and for reasons I cannot put in a letter or on the phone I'd prefer that you say no more about it than you can pick up from the N.O. papers. Philip Geraci II got electrocuted yesterday. Strange thing is that I understand he is an electronics expert - was - working for a private contractor at Michoud. Philip III is son. Now the father was quite helpful to me. He and the wife, despite all contrary indications, consented to be interviewed, and on tape. They let me play the tape back and confirmed it.

It is an exceedingly valuable interview. Next time I'm down I'll see the widow again. He had promised to send me certain things he hadn't. Fact is, I had a letter in the mail to him. It is a strange one, that case. I still want to get that documentation, and I fear that if there is publicity connecting the death with the case I want. It is of the kind that might be used to put a real bad man in jail. I have the contents on tape, but that is not the same as the original.

And I have confirmation for just about all of it, from others, some of whom, without him, may stand alone.

Son supposed to be in Vietnam, infantry machibegunner, strange place for a boy who spent four months in the insane asylum. Would have thought he'd be permanent 4-F.

I would like a few copies of the Epstein-Assassin reprint, maybe a dozen if you can spare them. I can send them to the various citizens' committees for their newsletters, perhaps, unless you have done this. I loaned my copy out and expect to see it back godknowswhen. Glad you did it. His piece is coming out as a book next month. Viking.

Thanks for getting the estimate for me. Then I'll know what I've got to raise if I cannot get it out commercially in a short while. While I do not know the difference in paper costs, aside from that the price you got is a lot lower. Well, mine had a more expensive cover and was stitched, too, and I guess that costs more.

We've had a little working company stay for a while and several others for a day or overnight. Slows my production and loads Lil, but very worthwhile. Ince was here for a weekend, Gary Schoener for a week, Hal Verb about as long. Gary is lucky to be alive but he shows no inward signs. Great boy.

Best from us both,

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PENN JONES, JR., EDITOR

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Dear Lillian and Harold,

We really do appreciate your invitation, but we cannot come at this time. Will you give us a rain check?

Hope you liked our printing the Epstein reply. If you want extra copies, drop me a line. If you have anything else - short articles - you want printed, send them along. We can usually print 3000 words a week, or close to that.

I am mainly a letter press shop. The only offset press we have is a 1250 Multilith. On my books we printed letter press 4 pages up. So you can see it would be a time-consuming and costly prohibitive job to print a large book in this shop. I know neither of us can afford it, and also I think we are too close to the end in this one-time democracy

I have a friend in Waco with a big offset press. He is not a friend in the sense that he would cut the prices very much. As a comparison I can tell you that 15,000 copies of my book printed offset cost \$4500. If you will have the negatives shot to us the cost would be decreased by that amount only. And we would have to have the money on delivery. I doubt if this is any bargain from what you could get in your area.

We continue to pick up bits and pieces, and that is all. When I can get the money, I will go to New Orleans.

Thank you for being our friend.

Penn

Hullo, friends. Poor Penn dictated this letter two days ago. But we got covered up with so much company I didn't get it transcribed —