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Dear both, of just L.A. if Penn is still on his triumphal tour,

Just got back from New York a little more tired than usual because something falred up while I was on the turnpike. I ll see the doctor Monday, but I hope this doesn't mean I'm going to have to slow down because there isn't enough time now. The WNEW people are still editing, with about 15 minutes to go to get it down to three gours. They are pleased with the show. I hope they don't take my fist out of the beard of Jake the Fake, the intellectual fink. He was on WCAU in Phila Monday and faced a weel-prepared audience. His audience was not for him, the questions were not friendly, and Kack Mc<sup>A</sup>inney stood up to him.

I have not advertised the sequel among our associates because of what has happened to some of my material that I planned to use in the book of which I lef them know and because of the extremes some have gone to in order to prevent mention of my book. However, it has been read at a major magazine, which is impressed <sup>by</sup> has an approach of its own. It is to be read at the NYTimes when I have a spare copy. And it is in the hands of a large publisher who has a first refusal. Meanwhile, we shall be proceeding as rapidly as we can on preparations for aprivate edition so that, if nothing comes of it, we will not have lost time. The reaction tothe new book is good.

I have been oarKing on other things. The situation is good. I hope to be able to tell you something firm in a month. For some time I have been convinced that the Kennedys would in some way disassociate themselves from the Manchester book. I have been working on this for more than a year because, as I told you, I am convinced it will be another nationak disgrace. I have been in recent correspondence also. There is now reason to believe this is in the works, beginning with LOOK and its \$650,000.

I shall postpone seeing or trying to see Castorr until the last minute, which will not be far into the future. Has either of you ever seen a picture of the one active with the Cubans? Nancy Rick described her colonel as bald, etc. Your data is helpful.

You people have been wonderful about plugging my book. I heard from Manhattan East, for example. I'm reciprocating as much as I can. Some time you'll be getting a visit from a reporter from the Washington Star when there is one in your area. They hve been working on some Louisiana transactions that will interest you. They come to dead ends. Some of the things Penn was telling me will, I know, interest them. I've been able to plug your book and Penn on radio, andit is a plessure! I wish it had been possible for all of us to have gotten along this way...The change in attitude of the New York Times that I told you about is ~~became~~ apparent. It is hurtful to me on the book pages, where the fiction that a private edition doesn't exist persists. Epstein and Popkin are now being credited with my work, not for the first time. If you make connections for commercial publication, let me know so I can try and help on this end. Also let Sylvia know, for despite her strange attitude toward Epstein, I am certain she will both want to know and want to help.

I rather imagined the Okla address was Shirley Martin, bit when she had a ~~return~~ return address on the envelope with no name and neither an address nor a name on the inside I presumed it was not an accident. With what I'm saying, I think she's better of being anonymous. I really think this extra "r" is going to dome something.

You hit my wife right. She does not like to travel, will not by air because it is impossible on her ears, recovery taking 3 months, so she gets none of the fun I get and meanwhile is always working hard. When I'm away, as I have just been, there is, unfortunately, always a pile of work for her and the daily orders and mail. It is really rough on her. She gets none of the excitement and all the dirty work. And it is she who has made this possible.

That was a really close shave you had. Probably it was an accident, but with your

past and present, it is easy to believe and feel otherwise. I am familiar with those Base controls. I've only had one ever go bad when we brooded chickens with gas. They are, of course, supposed to cut the gas off if the pilot goes out. It will be interesting if you have yours checked. I suppose you have already had it replaced. Maybe the thermocouple did go bad. That is easy to learn.

One place I did get decent treatment lately is in the London Sunday Telegraph, where Steve Barber said Popkin has added nothing and that I found more holes in the report than anyone else. He may call Penn sometimes. He is one of the many to whom I have recommended they speak to you. And he has been very helpful to me.

If I can stay awake long enough we're now going to drive to town for some groceries. If you learn anything more about Castorr, when his listing in the Dallas phone book stopped, for example, which I can check against when it began in Arlington, please let me know. I wish I had a Minox camera now. I'd like to get a picture of him and send it to Nancy Rich, or have some of those in Dallas who know Caster or Castor, like Rev. McShenn, look at it. I believe he is now in New Orleans. If you ever speak to him, would you see if he can give a description?

Thanks for everything, and our love to you both.

One other thing. I have learned how to do things without really trying. Penn might get some interest in radio stations in broadcasting him by phone. I just did another one Tuesday with an Ohio station. It can be more exciting on a talk program than being in the studio. This CBS station cancelled the netnews to carry me uninterruptedly for an hour and a half. I think you'll find that if you try a little Penn's good material on the strange accidents will find a receptive audience and makes good radio copy.

Sincerely,