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Dear Al,

Sorry you didn't make it. Toward the end emotion overwhelmed reason and I did think you might. For the future I have a long-shot in mind. But I think you are lost unless we do our thing successfully.

(I'm assuming that by now you agree restricting it to the shooting was not enough. That questions still haunt.)

I'm out of the hospital less than a week, left leg heavy with clots, little in the right and restricted in what I can do. Have to spread-eagle to do this and then with discomfort. Both legs have to be up. I'm trying to get some local to make me a pedestal t'writer stand so I can do more. My wife is too overworked for me to think of taping for her to transcribe.

Post Mortem has been printed. First two copies came by air yesterday. Some day I'm going to have to reread the parts I wrote in 1966-7, early 1969 and 1970 or 1. Meanwhile, laid up from the night I finished seeing the negatives shot and onto the plane, I've been able to do nothing about promotions, distribution, etc. I think that with responsible attention it can and will do the job.

Whether you are going to practise law or run for Congress again or both, you can use some Brownie points. Jim and I can use some help, more now. Including with suits I think he'll tell you have fair prospect of return.

The pay is terrible but the prospects are great.

Inviting you to the banquet is only part of it.

I'm not entirely immobilized. I can walk short distances but I can't leave the legs pendant.

The only times I expect to be away this week are the first morning a neighbor can take me to the opticians and Friday afternoon, when I see the doctor in D.C.

If you are a friend of Bella Absug's, if she'll take time to listen a little she can break this apart right now. I think her staff director sees it. But I haven't heard from him since Tuesday morning.

You were fine and effective on Suskind. I was sick but stayed up for both. Late-night here. You did it not only just right but beautifully well.

Whatever you decide, the best.