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Harold,

Well, finally, here it is. After talking to you I found that several things were lacking in the rough notes that I had, and decided to wait until I had the second draft of the article finished to send it to you. This is pretty much the way it will be, I may add a few things yet, and I'll send you a copy of the final draft, too. I expect to turn it in at the end of next week, and so will check with you by phone if you'll be there next Monday or Tuesday night.

If you have any reason to write to me during the next week, please write c/o my office, Radio TV Reports, 540 North Lake Shore Drive, Chicago 60611, because I'm moving this week. I'll give you my new address and phone number next week as soon as I get moved in.

Eric Norden was in Chicago last week and I spoke with him on the phone a couple times. He was very helpful and said I could use any material of his that was needed. His book won't be out for quite some time. He said he's signed the contract with Grove to write the book, but hasn't had time to even begin it, so he doesn't expect to have it written until at least some time next year. He gave me a name that might be of some help to you: Bill Wirthy, who writes for the Baltimore Afro-American is trying to organize a campaign of citizens in Boston to have the investigation of Malcolm's assassination reopened. He's particularly interested in trying to get to one of the accused assassins, Talmadge Hayer, in prison, and finding out who paid him \$3,000. If they've had any success they might have some information that you could use.

Things are status quo here. An interesting thing happened with the draft board. They admitted to me that in reversing their decision on my status as a conscientious objector they considered evidence that was not included in my Selective Service file (a violation of SSS Law), and that was obtained from "outside sources," in a manner they wouldn't divulge to me.

That's all for now. Hope the information in the article is helpful to you.

By the way, still haven't heard from Henry Regnery Company about my manuscript. They've had it five weeks now.

*Russ Trump*