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Dear Dennis,

Thanks for your 9/7 and the Holdea story. And I'm glad you and Gerry have decided to go ahead with a book. As I've just written him one of you should go through my "subject" file folder by folder and copy what you might use. There are more possibilities for which neither of you would have the time.

And hour and a half ago I phoned the former Hood student who has the diskette of what she'd found on NEVER AGAIN! The operator thought she was in the office, I left a message and she has not called back yet. Did not - 4/12

Holdea is the self-created victim of trying to solve an assassination case in which there never was any real investigation. He also made the mistake of beginning with his imagined solution. So, what was he to do when he failed? His is, whether or not a conscious one, a copout. An original one, too. But there is too much he cannot dismiss as incompetence and what cannot be dismissed is that the police destruction of evidence was after they told the courts they would preserve it. Remember the end of PM? Let me illustrate what cannot be dismissed, the destruction of the ceiling panels. Each bullet hole could be subject to ~~specific~~ neutron activation analysis. It can make definitive ~~conclusions~~ conclusions on identical origin possible. The only reason for destroying them is to make that impossible.

Lil is not feeling worse but she is less stable on her feet and has not yet recovered her appetite. I've gotten her to ~~make~~ make appointments with the doctor to whom you helped get her and with the associate of the orthopaedic surgeon who has examined her, the associate being a woman. One day after tomorrow, one next week.

Dave and Bill Neichter would like copies of your paper. I do hope you can get it in a sociological publication.

May I suggest that you and Gerry think in terms of providing a documentary appendix for your book? The publisher I hope you get may not want to use it but if you do not prepare it he cannot. and I assure you that it enhances both the value of the book and its sales. And students do love documents. By the way, do you want to ask Jerry for a copy of the manual he put together from records I gave him? He uses it and the college sells them at a reasonable price. I think they have a reduced copying charge for other college libraries. And it includes some King records as well as those you have. Or, when one of you is here again you can copy what you do not have. He has promised me a copy but he is the typical absent-minded professor.

If you see a copy of Brugioni's Eyeball to Eyeball in a second-hand store grab it. He was in the CIA's Photographic Interpretation Center. Best to you both,

Harold

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Dear Harold:

I'm sorry I've taken so long to get around to writing to thank you and Lil for the wonderful hospitality that Nancy and I enjoyed. Nancy has remarked a number of times that meeting you and Lil was the highlight of the trip for her. She was most pleased to have had the opportunity to meet you, especially after having heard me talk about you so much over the years. We were both very pleased to hear that Lil was feeling better. I hope that she has continued to improve.

Gerry and I have made some minor revisions to the paper, and will try to see if one of the sociological journals might publish it. More importantly, we have decided to try to turn it into a book. I'm not sure how quickly we'll be able to move on it, however. Now that the semester has begun, we are bogged down with classes, grading, and the like. I don't know about Gerry, but my classes are the largest ever. Nonetheless, I expect that things will settle down after the first couple weeks and we'll be able to get started on it. Before I mail this, I'll check to see if the secretary has finished making copies of the paper. If so, I have included a copy. If not, I'll send it along as soon as I get it. Again, thanks for your helpful comments on it. And, of course, for your hard work, on which the paper is obviously based.

I have enclosed a clipping from the *Globe* that represents another fine example of the failure of the press as well as the publishing industry. There are some statements in "Dan Moldea's Lonely Beat," that certainly will stand for a long time as stellar examples of journalistic incompetence. My favorite is "In the end, Moldea chose journalistic integrity over the commercial possibilities of a fresh conspiracy theory. He produced a book that stands as a companion to "Case Closed," author Gerald Posner's debunking of JFK assassination tales." How's that for a new definition of journalistic integrity? But then again, what would John Aloysius Farrell know about that?

We are pleased to be able to help out with the typing. Just send the material along when you have it ready.

Take care, and best regards to Lil from both of us.