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Dear Sylvia,

The two letters enclosed with your carbon are really excellent. Daily I more more impressed with the magnitude of my misjudgement of these wretched men. My hat is off to you and Maggie for your superior understanding. I think you are well advised to keep everything of record with such scoundrels. I am now satisfied there is nothing of which they are not capable.

I have not yet held their revolving whitewash in my hand. Hal Verb has sent me what I've not yet had a chance to look at on it: Excerpts from the inside of the album; an undated series of excerpts from the record; a three-page release, undated, headed Capitol News on the record; a four page one announcing the release; and a two-page one they call a "feature" on why Ruby consented to be interviewed.

I have not yet seen the W*J*T finkery, but I've heard of it and sent you a copy of my letter. Generally, I'm disposed to try and ignore this kind of evil, at least when it is possible, and to restrict myself to what I regard as constructive. If they accept my challenge, of course I'll do that. I do not think they'll respond. So, I've just left another record.

As things now stand, I'll not be in New York next week for I've been scratched. I was just told by phone. This had been promised to me as my show when the lawyers chickened out and when I agreed to face Mizer and two lawyers alone, with the further stipulation that I'd be paid. Then I was told that they'd invited Lane and now I understand he'll be alone against them. I shudder, having heard some of his tape against Liebler when even Epstein was better. I have duly recorded my belief Lane does not know enough about the subject to catch all the lies and there is nothing else I can do. I fear my dislike for the man is increased by the uncanny way someone always has him right behind me to pick up my chips, something he is always willing to do.

The week of 2/6 I've three appearances in New England, Hartford, Boston and Burlington, Vt. Possibly Dell will line something up for me on the 6th or 9th, in which event I'll stop off in New York.

By the way, WNEW did offer me another appearance on the Burke show, which is about to be syndicated "the cause, as you know, we've always wanted that". It is only a month since they rejected my suggestion we do something on that about Manchester.

If I didn't send you copies of the earlier WAKR thing, when I get my machine back I shall if you'd like. If they haven't written you, remember you have a book coming out and I'll be glad to suggest it to them. I do not know who they have written.

Sincerely,