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Dear Sylvia, Maggie and,

Enclosed are copies of letters to Joe Balland Henry Wade I think might interest you and of a reply to a letter from Herb Michelson of WAKR that I hope is close enough to self explanatory. I presume Sylvia has a similar letter. The Griffin proposal is a heavy, dull, impossible and loaded one intended to get him (them) off the hook. My photocopy machine is in the shop so I cannot send copies but will later, when it is back, if either of you wants them.

Because my own judgement on Schiller/Capitol has been so conspicuously poor and because I have presumed to give Sylvia advice, I quote from a letter just received from Ray Marcus:

"In toto, I don't believe the Schiller/Ruby/Capitol Records caper is very important. To the extent that it has any public effect I think it will heighten suspicion that Ruby<sup>was</sup> used to kill Oswald and that his own death might well have been the result of foul play."

When asked about this, I have been suggesting that in death Ruby does more good than he ever did alive, for whether or not he was part of any conspiracy, I have met no one willing to state the belief he was not, because everyone believes he really was, and because he is a harvest of thorns for the government that more than deserves it, whether on this issue or not. I found Elmer Gertz's denial of Ruby's involvement easily dismissed with several obvious points: he is a partisan, he has made no investigation and has only Ruby's self serving (and contradictory) statements to go on. I also found the intellectual participants in the show unimpressed by Gertz's line (He's mad at Penn for "wall-to-wall carpeting").

Sylvia, I'll be in NYC probably Tuesday and Wednesday, with a slight chance of having to stay over to Thursday. I'm going to be on the Martha Dean show. They are taping a two-hour special, I understand to be aired Thursday. Nizer and Jenner and Seuvege, I'm told, will also be on it. Dell may arrange for something else, like Barry Gray, while I'm there. They arranged for this. I have some appointments Tuesday p.m. but as soon as I know when I'll be free if I am I'll phone you. The big thing, aside from picking up what I can that is new on Manchester and the probability of having to see someone at Saga which is doing the chapter "The False Oswald" and has commissioned a critique on Manchester-Look is that radio program. It is being offered again in a different format. If I can park my luggage and have arranged for where I'll sleep, perhaps we can have supper together? If you want to leave a message for me, try Jerry Agel, PL5-2220 or Sidney Kaufman, OX7-9170. Jones Harris also wants to talk to me. Would it be a good idea, if we can, to all three have supper together?

I don't know who else, if anyone, should be informed of my answer to WAKR.

You may want to add to your references on Clay Bertrand 26H770. If you have a copy of your index with the errata posted, may I buy one from you? I want it to give to a correspondent, who may use it. Had a very nice letter from Dick Spregue.

Sincerely,