

Dear Bill,

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You will know before you get this what happened to Lil. More on this after a possible suggestion to your friend Merritt. The FBI does have a very big backlog of FOIA requests not responded to but there may be some ways of getting some responses from some agencies earlier, if the records of other agencies are involved. If he has a lawyer he should know this. If he does not, he is welcome here.

The ARMB staff is to be available at the College Park Archives about November 9, or so I was told. I do not see how all of it can be. But Merritt may endanger his reputation by accepting what it said and concluded when in fact and as I am now writing and documenting, it was by design another whitewash.

Some of the disclosed records have some value but only a small minority of them. But none tells us a thing about the assassination, in the sense of who did it. And very little about anything else.

Good luck to Betsy!

Yesterday was the first day I was not at the hospital to see Lil twice. I was just too exhausted. I did not leave the house. I am much more feeble and I get no help or guidance from the doctors of this.

Lil's attitude has been fantastically-and dangerously- good. The danger from her attempting to do what nobody had told her she was capable of doing. If I had not been here Saturday evening and Sunday morning and if she had continued what she had started, she'd have hurt herself more. She was going to walk unassisted. However, yesterday she did a little <sup>supervised</sup> walking in her room and she told me that today they are moving her into a new section when the specialty will be to prepare her for her return home and doing what she needs to do there! (I had been lobbying for that alternative with the family doctor but that lobbying may have made no ~~diff~~ difference because the decision was by the orthopaedic surgeon, after conferences with the family doctor.)

Her spirit, all who see here tell me and I saw, is incredibly optimistic and that is important in getting back to where she was.

With fingers crossed and best to you all,

Harold