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Dear Bill,

Dan'l's got his head in the lion's den again, as the enclosed to the Wash. Post shows. We have no Xeroxing facilities, so when you read it and write me again, please return it so I'll have an extra copy. Actually, I like these things to be happening for they are continuing proof of the uneasiness of those who feel things falling apart on them and reflect inability to control or really seriously influence public opinion. They also serve to call attention to the existence of questioning books.

But the real purpose of this letter is wardrobe and travel advice. I've done no travelling save to New York since before World War II. In New York I've usually been only a few days at a time and when delayed, the friends with whom I stay have a maid. If I needed a couple of shirts she did them.

When I became a farmer and was in town little I gave most of my good clothes away, having little use for them and knowing people who needed them. The few suits I kept are out of style and I cannot now afford to have them made over. I have one good suit and another I bought out of town that I had to send back for finishing that should have been done in manufacture. It seems to have been lost in the mail. I may come with one regular suit and one summer one. I presume the light weight is okay for LA. Is it for San Francisco? What is the usual December weather there? I do have two sports coats and ~~xxxx~~ several pairs of slacks. Do you think I can make out without buying more?

I anticipate shirts may be a problem. I'll be in New York possibly the first four days of the week I leave for Wisc, unless I leave Sunday of the next week. If my wife can work real fast I'll have all my shirts when I leave, which is almost as good as having all my buttons! This means about three with long sleeves and five with short, of which two or three only are blue. Can I figure on getting fairly decently really wash and wear (to save Lil) shirts out there without spending a fortune? If I can I can save my few blue shirts for SF, in case there is a TV thing, and not worry about laundry, if I can figure on getting some in LA without a tremendous waste of time. Or, is it possible that you could get me a few just before I get there (no long collars from the way I'm built)? Thus I'd have a lighter load most of the trip. I have but a single passable suitcase and an old, battered valise. I've been thinking of getting something like what used to be called a Valapak if I can find someone who can give me advice. Such things have been totally foreign to my recent life. I pay no attention to ads for them etc. I have to figure on being gone up to two weeks once I leave for Madison.

The new book will be 256 pages in the first printing. When Lil has the index done, we'll add that to subsequent printings in another half-sig, to which we'll add exhibits to fill up the 16 pages. The total will then be 272 pages. I think the photos, on which I worked today, will tell an impressive story.

You haven't mentioned Lillian for a while. I know she would not see Penn. I want very much to meet her and express my admiration, to her face. Do you think she will? Do you think it would do any good to ask her? Can you?

I haven't seen the Sat Rev or Esquire. Haven't taken time to get because I haven't time to read and somebody will eventually give them to me. I say this because you told me the SR used my letter but those who have seen it around here say otherwise. Looking forward to the LIFE you mentioned. But I think I know the new line: It was Oswald, so the government has some face left, but could there have been an accomplice? It will not work, if I have anything to do with it!

Best, also to Maggie and Ray