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Dear Barbara,

Hear you've had a bad bout with migraines. I lived with that long enough to know what that can mean. Hope by now they've departed. For whatever it might be worth to you, a chiropractor in whom we neither had confidence ended my wife's.

I'll be down again about the end of the coming week. It is important, if you can take the time, to write a detailed memorandum for me on Dione, going back to when and how you first met her and how she met all the others that you know she knows and who they are.

And, whatever else you know about her-and if any of them have any unusual connections.

If I did not think this really important I would not ask it. I'd get most use of it if you could have it finished by Thursday because I can be down as early as Friday morning and would like to consult that information first thing. I will probably want to go over it several times.

I will pick it up in person and I think it best that you not give anyone else a copy. There will be some things I cannot tell you, but I hope by now you have enough confidence in me to take this on trust.

No matter how vagrant the thought, put it down; no matter how seemingly unrelated the fact, include it. If there is anything you heard or she told you, any names she mentioned that you did not hear here repeat when I taped her, do not forget it. This is particularly true about the camp and people, especially the young people-and anything about them. Those she mentioned most often that night were Philip, Reoul and David. Two she never mentioned are Vance Blalock and Bill Dwyer. Philip and Vance were witnesses. Philip's last name is Gerasi.

As you probably know, Bringuier has entered the identical frivolous suit that was dismissed with prejudice. This time with a twist of blackmail: he served the magazine and publisher by mail but not me, saying, in effect, that he'd serve me only when I appeared personally in New Orleans. In other words, he wouldn't cost me the considerable legal charges if I discontinue my investigations! Just stopped long enough to snap a picture of a cotton-tail 10 feet from my window. It is six a.m. and I don't know if it will come out, but if it does I'll send it to Kelley... How little these people understand. And the time puts Bringuier in a different perspective. His lawyer, who is doing all this legal work free and knows the suits are without legal or factual merit and cannot succeed, is Nestor Marquez-Diaz. His partner is named Parker, and Parker has done some of the work. I'm very interested in men who can afford to waste (seemingly) so much time and trouble.

If there is anything you have committed to paper I should know, I'd like to be able to borrow it to read overnight. I'll be spending as little time in the office as possible, for that wastes time for me and I see nothing there. I have been giving your former friend Kerry a little time and attention. Dear Barbara, WILL you have your vindication! I don't think you ever really understood him. He lived with a girl for a short while, before Jeanne. I haven't time to dig her name out, but if you remember who she is and she is still around she should be looked up because he beat her up, physically, and then gloated and then tried to gouge out the eyes of a man who sought to defend her.

I stay overly busy ontoo many ways and for months have not been able to return to the work that means most to me. I think you are one of those who understands or would. However, I do not forget friends. Recently I have tried to do two things for you and your Voodoo book. I have tried to interest someone at Doubleday's and a Detroit TV station which has several syndicated shows. Here I spoke to a producer named Osborne. If you hear from either, you'll know. The station is Keiser, which is a small chain and airs the shows on the west coast, where it might attract some attention. They'd pay nothing but you expenses if they are interested.

If there are things that transpired since last I was there, I hope you will make a note of them so you can tell me. Otherwise, I'll undoubtedly not know.

Did Peggy get her job?

Did Tommy buy his blackmail from Jack? And by the way, Jack should have another such book.

See you soon, and a hug to Kelley.

Sincerely,