

Dear Howard,

8/14/72

Your mailing of the Times letter (congratulations-I was told of it last week) and the return of my long memo came today. I note without complaint the absence of any comment by you. None is required.

Typically (I've not read the Bremer clip), the prosecution leaves more questions than it answers, perhaps questions where there need be none.

Nothing new here. Been very busy on Ray work and wish I didn't have to be. Dick was nearby, phoned, and hasn't been able to reach you.

I've made no special efforts to learn anything about the coming Cyrilling. Was in DC Friday and didn't even ask Smith. So I also know nothing new on that.

You have now my response to Jerry's last wierdo. I wish he'd break off entirely, as I asked him, because I feel inclined to try in whatever way I can to make him think, to face what I fear are potentially serious emotional problems. This I feel that when he sends self-serving-self-justifying crap I have to make an effort to break through his crust with enough reason to at least conceive it. My real fear is that he will not only not consider it but will build up even more resistance the more he is pressed, which confronts me with the added worry, which course is more likely to do least harm?

I have had no word from Sylvia. I hope she is coming out of it. Perhaps Jerry, but someone said she is not going away for the summer. Here again, I feel there were beginning emotional problems that have been accentuated by the new ones. I fear that her subconscious at least may be troubling her, which can aggravate the whole thing more.

Thanks and best,