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Dear Vince,

I do appreciate your phoning last night. I had been concerned about Gary until his letter came Saturday. Another one arrived today. It indicates he should be in Philadelphia by the time you get this.

He included the clippings of his injury and his letter, a good one.

If he does not come immediately, find out if the added Oswald literature-distribution film is Doyle's. I know about that one, having discovered it also, and the history of that, checked out by the wonderful San Francisco crew, is identically the same as with the Martin film he will tell you about. There are also reasons to believe there is still another film in British Columbia. One of the several Canadians working with me reports this and an apparent dead end in his efforts. There is a chance he has a lead on the Simpson film and it is for real. Another of the problems of poverty-can't get up and go.

Tell him not to worry if he doesn't have the Martin affidavit. We can get that later and I've already made mechanical checks of both copies, each in the presence of witnesses. He'll explain this, too.

I can understand the desire of his parents to keep him close by. However, nothing has ever happened to us and will not. Gary is the one who has been isolated and although vocal, not known out of his immediate locale. This is the only reason he had to worry there. I go away for several weeks at a time, leaving my wife alone, and nothing bothers her at all. They need have no fear about him here, and I think, after they have visited a while, he will be more relaxed. Parents have a way of transmitting their natural concerns, and it is so peaceful and quiet (aside from the air conditioners) it is hard to believe. Yet we are but three miles from inside Frederick. Particularly if his eye is up to reading do I think he'd like to be here.

After we spoke last night, another thing occurred to me. Perhaps his parents would like to come also? There would be no extra transportation cost for them, and we have a friend nearby who has a fine house and two extra bedrooms. Our guests sometimes stay there when there is an overflow. Moo, who stayed with me, enjoyed being with them, as he was on several occasions. In fact, he wrote them after his return. They might feel better and I think they also might enjoy the relaxed air here. The pool (20x40 is so screened in that we customarily go swimming without suits, unless there is someone here. It is surrounded by the house and tall white pines and Lombardy poplars, plus a hedge of multiflora roses. In fact, the entire place is so screened by nature (no fences) you cannot see it from the road, which is only 400 feet away.

If you come with just Gary, or if you come alone, we have a spare room that has an English bed in it, a little larger than a studio couch, that opens for two. We also have a couch in the living room. So, beds and space are no problem. If for any reason he cannot come now, I hope you will, and try and make it Friday or Friday night rather than Saturday. That will give you the entire day Saturday here. If you just read what I have written, without studying the documents, that will take two full days. And there is much we should talk about. Perhaps you can extend it? Then you may want to spend a few minutes, as I now am, watching the (infrequent) quail, or the many other birds who tolerate us, or the rabbits who graze within a few feet of the house, if you find that attractive and relaxing and strange in the modern world. Hope you can take time.

Getting here is relatively simple. If you take the Jersey Turnpike to Delaware, where it becomes Interstate 95, the Kennedy Memorial Highway, and stay on that to Baltimore, you have a straight, single road to that point. When you get near Baltimore, there is a Beltway, Interstate 695. It is not as intelligently marked as it could be for high-speed driving, but if you just remember that when you come to a fork on the Kennedy Highway you stay to your right, you will go right. Unless the sign has been changed since last I was on it, the State Highway Department presupposed the signs were for local, informed people. Of all the unlikely things the main sign said "Towson". It should, at the least, have said Frederick. Well, take 695 to your right about 20-25 minutes. There is a new cloverleaf just opened, I think it is 16. It is I70 or I70S, going West. You will know when you are getting near it by the numbers of the exits, which are marked in advance. That is a shortcut. Take it to the Frederick sign. It is open only part of the way, but that part is wide and fast and will eliminate all the traffic lights in suburban Baltimore. Just before you come off there is a short stretch that coincides with Highway 29, and that flows into 40, the road that leads to us, 40 West. There will be a sign "Catonsville", but you get off at the first opportunity on 29, where the sign will say Frederick or 40 West. Stay on 40 into Frederick (it bypasses and you have no city traffic). At the end of this new part of 40 for about a city block you squeeze into a single lane. It is marked in advance. At this point the highway flows into and merges with 15. Stay on that until the third cloverleaf, which is a mile or less only, and that is where you come off. It is marked "Rosemont Avenue". Come off there, turn to your right under the highway you have just come off, to the first road on your left, Shookstown road. It is no more than a block from 15. Stay on it for about three miles. You will then be going up a hill, having passed a Shell station on your left. You will be in the little unmarked town of Shookstown. As you are going up the hill, on your right, and I think the second road you will have come to on your right, will be (I'm not putting you on) Old Receiver Road. Turn into it 3/10 mile and there we are. Now there is a wide, sweeping bend to the left about half way in. The road that seems to go straight is a private road that is not so marked. The first patch of woods on the ~~left~~ right on Old Receiver is ours. We are in that. When you get to the far side of it, just past our mailboxes, is the lane. Turn in it. This may seem unnecessarily complicated, but I'm trying to anticipate. If you should miss I70, by the way, stay on 695 to 40, turn right at the Frederick sign and stay on it as above.

In short, Turnpike and 95 to 695, right to I70, via 29 to 40, right on 40 into 15 to exist "Rosemont Ave" in Frederick, under 15 to Shookstown Rd. 3 miles to old Receiver and right 3/10. Simple?

Looking forward. Try and extend your time.

Best to both,