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Dear Gary,

You haven't told me your departure date, so I assume this will reach you before you leave.

Bernabei has told me of his suggestion that you seek out Herald. I concur in it if you have time. I also have a few suggestions. Most obviously, he has not followed through with Dick as he promised. I know only what I remember of what Dick told me. All I had done for Dick was identify him when Dick said he wanted to find the Paris-Match photographer, and gave Dick his Louisiana address. Because some of what he told Dick is hard to believe (which may mean no more than that some of what he was told is hard to believe), his failure to keep his word creates further doubt. However, this also may be interpreted as fear or a reluctance to become re-involved. But, it also raises doubt about his dependability and, I think, makes him less than a prime subject for limited time. If you see him, do not forget he was with Lady Jean Campbell, the London reporter, on the false-Cassell bit, at the furniture store and possibly the gunshop. If he was working through an agency, as Matt does, he may not have his negatives. But do not assume he has neither them nor prints and ask. He may have contacts if nothing else, and he may well have more. If he was working independently, on assignment, he should have his own negatives.

Mrs. Rogers is Mrs. John B., 4626 Wetsuga, FL7-5805. If you have any problems, ask her to phone me with you on the extension, or ask her to phone Mrs. Castorr, who should recall what I am interested in. I have been intending to see the Castorrs for 7-8 months, but it hasn't been possible. We were supposed to join them for dinner months ago but then I was deep in the DC trial and FM III. You should tape this because I will understand the possible meaning of what you will not and I should like the Castorr's to hear it, if she has no objections, because it may trigger their recollections. I do not know how you can tell her without frightening her, but there are others than the Castorrs who have knowledge of Sylvia staying with her and related matters who, because of their concept of the Robers' political beliefs, put a conspiratorial interpretation on it. In my belief this is entirely unwarranted and I have been able to keep that part quiet. It would help very much, now and in the future, if I could know everything the Rogerses know, and I mean it could also help the Roberses. When I see the Castorrs again I will tell them what I can of it. I cannot disclose my sources. I'll be in DC Friday and I'll phone the Castorrs if I feel well and invite them up here. Perhaps I can get Rudi to write or phone Joana.

The enclosed letter to Jim was painful to write and is too understated. I cannot conceive of Lou's not paying me without instructions not to. I tried to hurt his ego as little as possible, but I also know he is telling people all the critics but Vince let him down (and all I did was keep him from being disbarred and ruined in the process). If I write Moo I'll enclose that. I may phone him. I haven't decided. But to believe what he says this man's gotta be sick.

I do not know what the medical things is or means. YOU've seen the few references I've made to it. I'll try and find out. All I know is what I said and that my heart, bloodpressure and guts checked out okay. It was an eerie feeling to find it so uncomfortable to breathe, breathing so deep and forced, all of a sudden, without exertion. I'll keep you posted, and I am resting some. Best,