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Dear Moo,

The snow you have often talked of wanting to see here is not with us. There were five inches when I was down there, a foot more 20 miles away by a fluke. Yesterday the temperature went up to 70, and I walked all the way into town! At daylight, before I could feed them, about 20 quail were scratching for remnants of yesterday's corn ration outside the living room, which gets the day part of today off to a pleasant start.

I have not yet caught up from my recent trip. There are still notes to type, other letters to be written, and I left much undone when I started a month ago.

Hope you can find time for the few things I asked of you, including sending me Maria Martin's current address and, if you know it, Charlie Stein's, and their records. It is not against their interest but in it. I think the time may come when I'll want to write them.

One of the surprising bits of intelligence I picked up when I was there, whether or not true, is one I didn't expect. It is that you knew Perry Russo before you went to Baton Rouge. Although you hadn't told me, I knew you had known Ferris. You sure got around as a younger man! Before you started making a record as a prosecutor, that is. If this is not true, I hope you can find to tell me. If it is, the time may come when you will hear of it again (and I don't mean from me). There appears to be no doubt that Russo and Oswald had met, whether or not he ever admitted it to you. He did acknowledge to me that he must have, and the way he said it left little doubt in my mind that he was being less than forthright. I mean other than at Ferris's, a meeting, if you remember OSWALD IN NEW ORLEANS, I never believed happened. There seems to be much about Russo that has not yet come to light. I would expect some of it to surface in Shaw's civil suit, which I understand is seriously intended, something else that surprises me.

Please thank your wife again for the fine (too fine!) meal she had when I was there. If the one she served to Vince and me was to your mother's credit (and I don't remember a better one), this was superior to any I had in any restaurant, and I really enjoyed it. I hope it and other things due to my presence were not too serious an intrusion into her time and your family schedule.

Best to everyone,