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Dear Chip,

Your long silence, particularly after the earthquake which I knew immediately was strongest where you live, has caused us some concern. We hope you had no serious damage, if you did not get away without any.

As you have probably heard we have had a rather severe winter. After a few days of normal weather for this month another snowstorm is predicted for the early morning. It has been difficult for us but we have made out OK with some help from some fine younger neighbors.

It has been so long I no longer remember what I've told you.

I did a very long book of which you know in which I found your Dolce interview very helpful. I used much of it. That could have been out last July. Why it was held up I can only guess. With the date I've been told, this coming September. I suspect it was held up for the coming anniversary.

I also did one almost as long on Posner and his book and helpers. That was cut with a cleaver- most of the chapters - and I have no choice about it. That should be out in April from what I've been told.

Wrone is high on both, particular that one, now titled Case Open.

The publisher is Carroll & Graf/Richard Gallen.

If they have done anything to promote anything, including the Selections of which I've sent you a copy, they have kept it secret from me. I've not heard a word about any such efforts. Thinking what I could do that could help it and what is to come I decided to write a lengthy article on the Russell/Cooper disagreement with the single bullet theory and the destruction of the record Russell believe he made.

I've kept what you asked me to keep confidential in a separate envelope so marked.

But some of that was released to and by a committee holding hearings. I was sent copies of some of what they released. It appears that at least some coincides with what you asked me to keep confidential. What I plan to draw on is the Russell statement he intended to make at the executive session, dated 9/16/64; his exchange with Scobery (do you recall her Commission role?); and a little of the Cooper oral history. I am not now certain which was disclosed by the committee. Is it OK if I use these if they were not?

Going to the basement has become increasingly difficult and potentially dangerous for me. I've not been down there in a month. I had my copies from the Cooper archive there. You may want to remember, if you return to this, that he more than confirms Russell. I have given Dave and Jerry copies. I believe it includes a similar oral history. My source was a Louisville lawyer who has become a dear friend ^{and} is a Cooper fan, William Neichter, 1313 Lyndon Lane #115, 40222. I tell you this because he has been striving to improve that archive and may in the future add to what we have. Best to you both, *Gerard*