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Dear Dick,

Congratulations! Even if your social secretary hasn't kept up with my address (your announcement was forwarded from Hyattstown).

You've been waiting a long time. Best of luck and much happiness.

I've been intending to write you about another matter, so I use this occasion. Have you kept up with Newcomb and his assaults on you while he was writing you dissembling letters, friendly-like? I do not suggest you spend any time on this; I do recommend you do not; I urge you to ignore it if you can, for that sort of thing is "counterproductive". I have been aware of a much larger campaign against me and have ignored it save where those who mean something to me, who I have strong feelings for, ask me questions. Then I give them overwhelming answers. What lies ~~lies~~ behind this outpouring of inventions and slanders I do not know. I have a few opinions. But it is best to pay no attention to it. If you haven't seen his "Last Train From Dealey Plaza", in "Probe", you should, and you might check the date of that against your own correspondence files. If you do not have the best relations with Lifton, you might be interested in knowing that he and Fred are now thick and have been for a while (with Fred pretending he doesn't trust Lifton). Matter of fact, if you are friends with Lifton, you might be more concerned. He is at best a sick man.

Then, the book I got from you was for New Orleans, for the trial. They have never repaid the expenses they authorized. Several hundred dollars I did put out, money I didn't have; borrowed money. I've never gotten it back. I never got the money to pay you for the book. Now that their major expenses are past, I have again raised the question. If I hear, you'll hear. If you ever come across the cheaper edition, without pictures, I'd like a copy for myself. I understand it has more of the transcripts.

The husband of a friend has just returned from civilian employment in Vietnam in your field. The contract has expired and he is looking for another overseas assignment but only one where he can take his wife and two swell little boys with him. He is classified as a computer AUTODIN supervisor. He has 18 years of experience in communications, seven with computers of all varieties and has all the requisite security clearances. Do you know of anything to which he can be referred? I have just met him for the first time, but his wife has been a good friend to mine, making it possible for me to go help Jim and things like that by providing transportation to her in my absences. I'd like to help them. He seems like a nice guy. When I asked him about his grounding in computers he said he was experienced in all the major ones and didn't think there was one it would take more than a week for him to get the requisite training in. I therefore presume it might well be a favor to one to whom he might be sent to let him know of availabilities.

Glad to get your announcement! The best!

Do not let the California people worry you. So many of them are less than rational. And too often they are two-faced. If you didn't know it when Fred wrote you he had heard copies of the Z film were available he was deceiving you, because he had them - personally. Do not make an issue of this. Merely be forearmed and careful. I also suggest the greatest care in the use of his material, most of it not stacking up, persuasive as it may seem to those who may not know what he ignored. Not all of it, but too much.

Best to you both,

*Blonia Nicholson*

*and*

*Mr. Richard E. Sprague*

*announce their marriage*

*on Saturday, the fourteenth of June*

*nineteen hundred and sixty-nine*

*Miss Maria, Mrs. Clark*