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Dear Nancy,

You should NEVER have written me about your stupidity in having a bad tooth. I went out an emulated you, I hope without consequences that linger as long. Took a hard fall in Frederick today. No internal harm, doctor says. But I'm getting stiffer and achier.

Jim Lesar goes from brief to brief as I go from affidavit to affidavit. So he is staying too busy with one deadline transgressing against another. He has to ask for short extension of time to file. So he may have forgotten to mail you a copy of the transcripts. If you haven't gotten them in a week remind him at 910 16 St., NW, Suite 600, 20006. I gave him a note with a reminder and your address. But include the address because if he hasn't sent it he has probably also misplaced the note.

Right now it is spectro/NAAs brief, with a time extension, almost expired.

He did one last week in three hours and walked it to the clerk of the court just as they locked the doors. No more time and important case.

As you guessed it is the Bridgewater college. The lecture bureau has not responded. If you can refer me to a decent motel near it I'd appreciate it. If you have no knowledge don't worry about it. I'll have to go up the day before to be able to make the morning seminar. Speech at night. Glad you plan to be there. (plural) But I have no details of any kind. Not even person to contact. I think it is 8 p.m. on the 28th. Contract not ent me yet.

The cartoon was great. I read some of the clips while waiting to get to the doctor without an appointment. I think the Bernstein will be interesting. You were right not to duplicate the Post, thanks.

I look forward to the jazz. I've been improving my tapes with the TDks I've gotten and giving those I replace to a neighbor.

I also got an Akai 7" for operas for Lil and such things as the hearings, where I was always on the phone when the cassettes ran out. Not connected yet. I'll have to be looking for a good buy in reel tapes. The local Kmart is \$8.00 for Scotch 1800s. Most places around here don't even have them, except the expensive shops.

Best to you both. Glad we'll be seeing each other again.

Sincerely,

29 October 1978

Dear Harold:

Thank you for the newspaper clipping of George Lardner's story on the release of the transcript of the June 23, 1964. It sounds like one of the more interesting transcripts, and I'm looking forward to reading it. I was thinking about you the day the clipping arrived as I was listening to a Sidney Bechet record earlier that morning. I have a small pile of records on a chair in my dining room that I've been meaning to tape for you as well as a few newspaper clippings. The newspaper coverage of the assassination hearings up here is very skimpy: the Boston Globe has been summarizing a few of the more important articles from the Washington Post; and the New York Times is still on strike, so that eliminates that source. I'm not bothering to send you the Globe articles as I know you have the originals in the Post.

I am at the moment recovering from a debilitating illness. Shortly after I last wrote to you, I had an infected wisdom tooth pulled. The infection from the tooth, however, spread through my throat, and threatened to spread to my heart. Through heavy anti-biotics the doctor managed to contain the infection to my throat; and it was not until late September that things improved enough for them to rule out surgery. Can you imagine someone getting so sick from a stupid tooth?

As you can gather from my description of my summer, my dissertation has been languishing on another chair in the dining room. I listened to bits of the JFK assassination hearings on public radio while I was sick but public radio in Boston only carried two weeks of the hearings. While I don't

expect the December committee report to say anything new, I am looking forward to reading the sections on the organizational procedures of the FBI, CIA, etc.

The Jacob C^Ohen book, which I was suppose to review for the Boston Globe, has had its publication date changed continually-last I heard it was going to come out in late November-early December. Possibly, the publishers changed the publication date so that their book would coincide with the release of the Assassination Report. In the interim, however, the Book Editor at the Globe is loosing her enthusiasm for books on assassinations.

In your last letter, you asked about the sources of the Epstein dealings with the paperback market. The person from whom I got the information can't remember his source but I do know that the information was common knowledge in the book trade-even to the point where Epstein's dealings (with figures quoted) are mentioned in an article on selling paperback book rights (^{specifically} ~~especially~~ those dealing with the novel The Thorn Birds), which appeared in the New York Times Magazine sometime either late last Spring or early summer.

I noted on your clipping, which you just sent, that you will be speaking at Bridgewater on November 28. If you know information as to where, and what time, etc., Liz and I will try to get down there. Its a ways from Cambridge, but I'm not sure as to how far, as I've never been there. I know there's a State College there as well as a State Prison, and I assume you will be at the former rather than the latter.

In the pile of clippings, there are several things that might especially be of interest to you. First, the MacNeilly cartoon I thought was great-I

don't know how widely his work is reproduced. But if you hadn't seen it, I
knew you would like it. Second, the Bernstein article "Who Owns History?",
appeared in Inquiry Magazine. While it doesn't deal with either assassination,
I know that the ownership of "public papers" is of interest to you.

Liz has just requisitioned the typewriter for a philosophy
paper - due tomorrow - so I guess I'll have to end this
letter in longhand.

Please give my regards to Lil -

sincerely

Nancy