George Lardner Washington Post 1150 15 St., NW Washington, D.C. 20071 Dear George,

Apropos of what we spoke about before you left on your overseas assignment and in ellipsis, which is required of me for about the rest of this month, as a reminder and as an encouragement I tell you that the devil who loves script ure has it, has relished it, and finds that while it was not 100% what he had anticipated, it is largely what he anticipated and where it is not is even more useful than if it had been.

Unless the temporary restriction is lengthened by my source, which I have no reason to anticipate, there will be no restriction by the time you indicated you should be able to come up and discuss this further.

I hope that what you are able to do and learn about terrorism adds to our knowledge and understanding of it because it seems to me probable that Saddam's disaster may serve to encourage greater resort to terrorism by the Saddam of the world and by others unable to achieve what they want by other means.

Best wishes,

Harold