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Dear Fletch,

As you may remember, I'm not very mobile and I'm not supposed to stand still at all. This means that from time to time things do not get filed, and thus later I can't find them. Through the kindness of a friend I had a little part-time help from a student at local Hood College. Some of the things she did she did very well. But there were some she did not get to. As we are going over them, things to be filed, things to try and locate in the files, and things I just do not remember, I've come to your very interesting letter of April 4, 1968. In the recent past I had an argument with a friend about some of the NSAs you refer to in it and was not able to locate in my files. I've a stack about a foot and a half high that is not filed from which, when I feel up to it, I take something off the top and file it. Or discard it. It is possible that this NSAs I cannot locate that I thought you'd sent me are in them and that if I live long enough I may get to them.

If it is not asking too much I'd appreciate copies of a couple of these records that you may already have sent me, NSAM # 55, 263 and one to which you do not give a number, one I'm pretty sure I remember seeing in condensed form as a press release as of about that time, what you refer to as "the LBJ agenda of 'ov. 26."

I do not know whether there was an NSAM on this but I do recall the brief story that quoted the Pentagon as saying that its re-evaluation (which I take to refer to 263) was re-evaluated and found to be optimistic.

On the third page you suggest that I read the book "Zapata." I recall the name but not the book. If you remember the author I'll see if I can locate a library copy.

You concluded that letter saying that you get up and around a bit but in low key. And you say that age tells. Both true here.

But I add that at our age that we are still here is a blessing and makes each day a freebie and thus a good one.

If this is asking too much of you, please just forget it. Either ways, thanks and I hope you are not in a much lower key.

Thanks and best wishes,



Harold Weisberg