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Dear Oliver,

Thanks for your kind letter. You and Henry the K need vacations (Me? Deen years and if I needed it I'd not get it!)

There was some initial confusion that Fred Emery clarified, after which Lew was up the end of last week for dinner and a visit. We liked him.

Of course there are special journalistic uses, but the packages about which I have been talking are of a nature where I also assure that no digging will be needed except for expansion. (That is a fault of which my writing has not been accused. More often it is called prolix and I'll never forget Fred Graham's "review" of my first book. He faulted it for being painstaking and overwhelming, his words.)

What I am doing in the Watergate book is telling what I call the Unimpeachment story, and essentially the stuff that did not come out or was not put together that made his unimpeachment possible. One of my problems is that so much is public domain and forget, not understood or never put together. While I am always willing to be full and open with honorable people like you, there is always the danger of having stuff cribbed. There is a minor industry of it over here. I am just completing the second of companion chapters that tell an untold, new story virtually 100% from what anyone with a good memory, a few other intellectual assets and a willingness to work could duplicate.

Anyway, we'll have to wait and see what follows Lew's return. I'll have more drafted by then. More to show.

I'm sorry that you are so tied up. However, the beginning point on Post Mortem has to be the production of the whole thing, as we agreed, because without it no condensation would be credited. I'd have the appendix to decide upon and its content to add to the index otherwise completed.

I'll not attempt that without a deal and while I have all the other work to do.

Ian was up to dinner with his wife last night. They left their dog with us while they go on holiday to Yucatan. Perhaps you don't know him. McDonald. He knows and likes Lew, I know.

We did enjoy your visit. Howard will be here again in a week or two, on a joint project dealing with the official obscenity.

If there is no interest in the Russell piece at your shop and if you have any idea where it can be placed, I'd appreciate the effort. If you can't, whenever you have the time, I'd appreciate it back. It is the retyped first draft done like everything in too great a hurry.

I do think it improbable that what I am now doing on Watergate will be dated. If the material were to come out it would have by now. And by now you can evaluate the reading I gave you on Jaworski, which may have seemed far out then. There will be more of the same. From personal contact I know the House doesn't want anything not already aired in some way. There is hidden but real terror here.

The same with the media, all elements.

Maybe childbirth will bring you back? We hope so.

Our best regards,



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Dear Harold,

I very much enjoyed meeting and talking to you, although I was so exhausted at the end of my trip that I didn't take in as much as I should have done. However, as you must now know, I sent a lengthy cable from London to Lew Chester in Washington giving him the Watergate story as I understood it. I understand that he has visited you and reported back that it was interesting and valuable. The trouble seems to be that so much Watergate information is leaking at present that manpower for background digging is short. Lew is coming back to London in a week or so, and probably will persuade people here that your information and leads are worth pursuing. *I certainly hope so.*

As regards your story about the Kennedy assassination, I cannot say more at present than when I was with you. Since my return, I have been given a deadline for two 5,000 word articles on childbirth, which means that I shall have to put all else aside until the middle of July. However, I am considering very seriously your offer that I should edit your book material on the Kennedy assassination, but it will be three months before I can take it further because of all those other commitments.

Best wishes to your wife and to Howard.

Yours sincerely,

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