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Dear Russ,

I've got some kind of bug, so I'll be brief.

As I think I indicated to you, there had to have been a deal on Ray. The public reaction has not been congenial to the dealers. Even the NYTimes gave strong editorial disapproval. Well, this can mean several things:

C The radical right will now crawl out in force with what they have been saying all along, that one of his "fellow reds" did it, or a combination of them;

Ray gets knocked off when there is a chance, like in a crime of passion;

O He suddenly tumbles that he has been conned (I think Foreman persuaded him he'd be killed if he didn't cooperate).

I'll be adding an epilogue to COUP D'ETAT.

P The real reason for this letter, though, is that I have just heard from a new friend through whom I'll be able to get a few copies of the book. I turned him on via a talk show and he has a business where this is possible. He will duplicate them Friday, getting a copy from a friend who has one, because with this fever I'm staying in save for taking Lil to and from work. I'll ask that one be mailed you immediately.

Y Please keep me posted if you hear from your friends or if your papers indicate any validity to my suspicions. These people tend to repeat themselves. I therefore suggest they'll do here what they did with Butler on Oswald. Internal Security. Only Eastland because of the "3 lives" boys, vengeance, sort of, or self-vindication. He'll get headlines, at least where he most wants them.

Hurriedly,