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Dear Hal,

Got home a little before midnight and I'm trying to answer most urgent ~~letters~~ letters in haste so I can get on notes and a short piece for BOOKS on Epstein.

I have to go to NYC but do not know when I can. I will be in Washington this coming Wednesday and Thursday. Otherwise I expect to be home and will welcome your arrival whenever you can make it. I have two unpublished books you can read and your suggestions will be valuable. I also want to swap notes and opinions.

Probably bus will be best. Greyhound runs to Baltimore and connects to a Frederick bus. You can get the schedule there as well as I can hear. There is no train to Frederick anymore.

If you drive, it is easy. Take the ~~K&D~~ Jersey Turnpike which at the Delaware line becomes the JFK memorial Highway. Stay on that (I95) until you get to the Baltimore Beltway (I695), where you bear right, following the confusing "Towson" sign to do it. Stay on I95 to I70N, which is about Exit 14. That is a short connection to US40 West and will save the traffic-lighted part of 40 closer to Baltimore. Stay on 40 into the edges of Frederick. It will dead end on US15, on which you stay about a mile or two to the Rosemont Ave exit, where you come off and turn right, under the highway you have just left. After going under the bridge the first road on the left is Shookstown Road, alongside a brick bank. Stay on that until you get to Old Receiver road, about 3 miles. Turn right for .3 mile, staying on Old Receiver at the fork (that is, sweep left-the right leg is a private paved road into a housing development). You will then see our mailboxes and the lane on the right leading into our home. I should take you about 4 hours, not counting stops.

On the superhighways, the only tricky marking is at I695. There used to be a deceptive sign directing to US 40 which actually directed to a road going back, the way the motorist has been driving from. Be certain to stay to the right when you near the Beltway and to drive that way when you reach it. I70 is incomplete but a real time saver. As you near its end, you will want to keep to the left, as the Frederick sign directs. It flows into US29 for a very short stretch, and the first exit is to US 40 and Frederick.

I think it best that Tom have no credentials. I carry not whatsoever, let others create that jeopardy.

Please come as soon as you can and figure on staying here. I made inquiries before I left for a place for you to stay in Washington in the event you want to work at the Archives. If you have the car, it is a little over an hour from here, no tolls (\$4.00 on expressways here), and it costs \$1.75 a day to park near there. You can stay here as long as you'd like (bring swimming trunks). Make it a good visit. We can both work and talk. Don't rush it. I'll know Wednesday if there is accomodation for you in DC.

Hurriedly,

July 12, 1968

Dear Hal,

I arrived here in Irvington, New Jersey on Wednesday, July 10th. I'll be staying here for the full months of July and August and, of course, hope to visit with you during that time. There is much I have to discuss with you.

Let me give you the address and phone number I'll be at so that you can write or call me. It's: 16 Marshall St., Apt. #2-H, Irvington, New Jersey, 07111 and the phone # is 201-373-8066.

As John probably told you I saw him the day before I left for Irvington. He incorrectly told you that I was going by car. I didn't. I flew by plane and will return the same way (unless I somehow meet someone who will be going back by car around the time I leave).

I told Paul Hoch and the others in my group where I can be reached and if anything comes up they know how to reach me.

Tom Sanders told me before I left that there was a small chance he could get to Dallas in August and he would be in a position to look into anything you or I wanted. He wanted, however, some letter from Garrison's office or something looking official which he could use in conducting any inquiries while he was there. He believes people there would talk more about what they knew if he showed them something like this. Do you have any suggestions on this?

I would like to come out to Frederick as soon as you feel the time would be best for me. I am not certain at this point, however, just exactly how I'll come. If I can borrow a car there'll be no problem but this doesn't seem too likely since my family needs the car in Irvington and I doubt if they'll allow me to use it.

That leaves me the choice of coming either by train or by bus. Most likely it'll be by train if I do visit you since I prefer a train over a bus.

Can you let me know in your letter to me just what bus service is available from Irvington to Frederick? (Irvington is right next to Newark, so I can leave from there also). Ditto the same for train travel.

If by chance I do get the car I'll check with the AAA here and see what route to take to get to your place.

Well, I'll close now. I'll have plenty of information to discuss with you when we meet.

Regards to your wife. Looking forward to seeing you all in the near future.

Best,
Hal Verb