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Dear both,

Nothing new on, from or about Paul. No word from Hal yet. He levelled with you if he gave you the idea Paul is not easy to persuade about anything. I do not think Paul has any personal publication intentions with ~~that~~ that stuff. The problem there is Alvarez, for whom Paul did the work. I think we have worried about this all we should. It can cripple. What little time I can find for worrying over it will be for worrying about Paul, for whom I've always had great respect.

I'm not too concerned about the outcome of the spectro suit. Signed a bond application on the appeal today. The record is not impossible. It just isn't what it could have been. When I can get time I'll return to the preparation of the other cases (Paul has copies or just about all the paper--all he wanted, anyway). I'm still pushing to get Justice cited for contempt and a lawyer for perjury. Prepared latest papers over ~~the~~ holiday. Probably file them next week.

You did indeed find the exact shop! Great! Hope it wasn't too much trouble. I'm certain of the name.

Instead of trying to surprise Lil, after reading Jennifer's letter, I thought I'd best discuss it with her and get what she will prefer. She prefers what does not come together, the 3/4 jacket with the 3/4 sleeves. I'd rather get her the silk, D in your letter. It will be a little more dressy, especially on the few times friends drop it. Seems ~~to~~ to me I got her medium in one thing and large in another because it seemed smaller than large (and was). Her regular size is 16. If they do not have this in a size that will fit her, then C, the Rayon short jacket with 3/4 sleeves. Color is not too important, for she'd like them all. If there is a choice, this order: Red, yellow or aqua.

I hope you buy your own reward when you are there! Unless they have changed, you should look around. They had all sorts of nice small things when I was last there. They wrap well, for that package included four small, simple bowls, all still uncracked.

Because I cannot forecast the price, not knowing what will be available when you can get there (and if there is a decision to be made, please do make it without worry, for Lil will like whatever it is), if you do not mind, I'd like to send you a check for all of it, including insurance added to postage. Perhaps ~~you~~ you can learn by phone (they might not mind laying it aside until you can get there ~~without~~ making a special trip) and I can then send you a check covering all of it. They can come pretty close on estimating the postage.

This is a great favor. Whether or not it gets here by Christmas, Lil knows she'll be getting something she'll like. When she has worn what I got her, she has found it comfortable and has kind of enjoyed the coos and aaahs of the gals who see it. Lately she has taken to wearing it more often. Many thanks.

With the Paul thing so much on the mind and dominating our correspondence, there are other things I'll just hint at. I've had the work done that was never done on the ZZZZ Zapruder film, and it is mind-blowing! I've also got a clearer copy than the Archives (Sh!). Despite all the time I spent studying it back in 1966 and again in 1968 and on the many occasions I took others to see it, I have learned more and may yet learn from it what I haven't yet. There was more alteration in the original than I understood when I wrote WW. ...With some of the technical (and very obviously called for) work, other things have become quite clear. One of the things we've done it is repeat each frame five times. When you show that in slow motion, it is slow and there is time for things to register. All my early conclusions were correct but too understated. If and when I can get out there again, I'll bring this and more that I also have. This includes withheld evidentiary pictures of the clothing. (And I'll not be keeping the kind of hours I kept, so I'll be able to stay awake!) Eventually I'll get it all on paper. This new stuff is so clear I have a good 14" enlargement of Z313 and could enlarge the front or the back of the shirt to the size of a wall. Can't do that with the Commission's stuff! So, twixt and tween I've been getting a few things done. Again thanks, and best regards.

21 November 1970

Dear Harold:

This is an interim and half-baked reply to yours of the 18th. When we last saw Hal Nov. 5 he was due to move in a few days and was to let us know where and how to reach him. Having heard nothing from him since, we tried calling him a day or so ago and were told the number has been discontinued and were given another east bay number. Thus far he either has not been there or the number doesn't answer. We now have several enclosures from you which he should see.

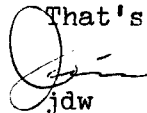
When we saw him, we sounded him out on the possibilities of his having a talk with Paul with the idea of getting the general impression you mention of what sort of thing could be behind this. He was unable to say when or whether he would be able to see Paul, but gave us the impression that he intended to do so in general. I remember saying to him that if the opportunity arose to try to impress upon Paul the practicality of forgetting the whole thing now if there is any way to do so, rather than to push it through with totally unforeseeable consequences. Hal seemed to agree, but displayed no optimism that he could have much influence.

Unfortunately we are even more helpless, since Paul has not seen us in more than two years, as best I can recall, and never exchanged more than a few words with us. It's true he has been here at the house twice (once when you were here) but in both cases other people were present and did most of the talking. On the other occasions we have seen him, there was one where he apparently did not recognize us -- it was a public lecture, and he of course may just have been shy. In any case, we have to agree with you that any attempt on our part to take an initiative in this matter where he is concerned would raise all sorts of questions in his mind as things stand now. As far as we know, he has no idea that we know anything about all this, since his draft was circulated to a limited group only and we saw it only through Hal. Certainly if there is any opportunity where we can with any degree of plausibility and naturalness talk to him without alarming him, we of course shall do everything we can. That may be very little, but we shall be ready to try.

We found the little shop in Chinatown you mentioned and Jenifer has assembled some information for you which is enclosed. We hope it does the trick..

Very sorry to hear about the negative outcome on the spectrograph suit. It's cold comfort, but it occurs to me that the higher this goes the bigger noise it will make, and the longer it drags out the bigger likelihood these mandarins will stub their toe somewhere along the line.

That's about it. See you later and all the best,



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21 Nov 70

Dear Harold? Hal? Mr. Weisberg? Sir?

Was the restaurant the Empress of China? Was the store LiLi's? Anyway, that's where we went. Probably would have found much the same at any other store, but at LiLi's the choices are:

A) Rayon; knee-length jacket with multi-colored all-over pattern; short sleeves; no pockets. \$8.95.

B) Rayon; same as above, except in brocade; material is of better quality. \$11.95.

C) Rayon; short jacket about hip length, 3/4 sleeves; pattern in gold thread, rather widely separated (instead of all over); two patch pockets. \$10.95.

D) 100% pure silk; short jacket; all-over brocade pattern; 3/4 sleeves (not sure about this); two slit pockets with outside flap. \$15.95.

All the above come with black pants, with the jackets in almost any color you might want; the price is for the set. By short sleeve I mean about half-way between shoulder and elbow, and 3/4 between elbow and wrist.

As for jacket length, it's hard to say which might be better. If the one you got was knee-length, it might be fun to have the shorter jacket as a change. On the other hand the longer length is probably easier for most women to wear, depending on the figure, but perhaps the one you got was short and your wife looks good in it. I didn't try any on and too late feel I should have, because if I had I could tell you whether the longer jacket might be worn by itself as a dress without the pants. It's a thought, anyway, and I'd be glad to check into this possibility if it interests you.

The girl at the store couldn't estimate the amount of the postage. If you decide to do this, you might order direct and have them bill you for the postage, or let us do it for you and we could let you know what the whole thing comes to. We'd like to do it, and I personally would prefer the latter because if we went back to the store I might get a set for myself, since I'd be there anyway. If that makes any sense?

Your friendly neighborhood personal shopping  
service,

*Jean*

P.S. - Be sure to give us the size and two color choices, just in case.