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Dear Jim,

Your 8/22 came today, a Lil working day so all the other mail is tended to by noon because I picked up at the post office. I'm holding the enclosures for this p.m.'s date to get the car serviced, when I read while I wait.

One of the things I learned today may interest you, depending on when NBC-TV airs the Tom Snyder Tomorrow Show out there. In late September he is to air a mysterious "Herb" who speaks on the CIA and the JFK assassination. One gathers former CIA. I may hear more because on the show with him will be a guy I think now had a radio talk show, a guy I knew when he was a TV talk-show producer. I've written him. Snyder begins here 1 a.m.

Do costs on what I sent. Dupes. Thanks.

I never see the Tatler unless someone sends me a story from it. I did not see the one on UFOs.

I believe I told you we saw what had to have been one a night a friend who directs a DC TV show was here. Another night thereafter Lil alone saw what seemed to be the same thing. The shape and the manner of flight preclude anything of which we know. Other than a UFO.

I can't believe that we alone saw this. Hundred must have. It was soon after dark. Nice night. Reason for being outdoors for many people. Clear night.

I believe I also told you of a brother-in-law who was an uneducated natural mechanical genius employed at Naval Ordnance Lab who told me not to laugh at reports of local sightings perhaps ten years ago.

The gradual approach makes sense for many reasons. Surprised you didn't mention what I would regard as important to either GL: political need. With the state of the country what it is and the immediate future so bleak, what a more natural diversion? It would take everyone's attention and would so concentrate worries that the extant dangers would be forgotten. Because the first Year of Our Ford is not likely to be other than even worse for the average person, his need is at least as great. (How nauseating the media has been on him and what he is and supposedly will do! It may kill WWIV, which has hot Ford contents. With the media, that is.) ...I was quite surprised that of all TV personalities an old friend, Ron Nessen was Ford's last night host. I know Ron from my farming days, when he did stories on me and brought his kids up. He was Gung Ho! on VN after twice being seriously wounded there. Lucky to survive second. His first marriage failed after death of young son, to Wilms tumor. He remarried, either a Korean or a Vnese, don't remember which...He is another who got his start under old Post-man Roger Farquahar when he took over Montgomery County Sentinel. Ran lived in Rockville, where his father had a jewelry store. Think he went from Sentinel to UPI DC before NBC. (Bob Woodward another.)

I've finally finished what I find distasteful, the blurb for the cover of WW IV. My artist pushes me hard of this, the part that sells books and I know he is right but I don't like it. This tells you how close we are. Now I have to get to an ad we'll place under a trade deal I've worked out with a large and the only wholesaler I know I can now use. He has a weekly catalogue that goes to 2,500 stores and publishers. NYC only. I have to satisfy him and still have one that with the same art work we can use as a mailing, so JL and I can include in all our mail.

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I'm getting the Hunt/Matt Byrnes stuff. Costing \$24.00 in L.A.! They make a profit on everything except recent presidents!

Glad STM/W is better. Lil is happier because the ugly hole in the kitchen-window view is about to disappear. The man who has lived rent-free at H'town has finally finished the well-pit (he is a good mason) and as soon as it sets I can start to backfill. And then complete flowerbed around it. You'll be amused at what we have called trees: three lettuce plants set out for fun 25' from kitchen door. Rabbits have been nibbling them from the first. Plants now 4' high! and well-trimmed. And going to seed, finally. Best,

Jim