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Dear Mrs. Story:

I apologize for not answering your letter. Thank you for calling and reminding me.

First of all, please say if you wish to have returned those copies of your letter to Mr. Kamm and his reply. They are most interesting, about what one comes to expect -- evasive. As to disposal of the reference library, a good deal depends upon whether you wrote before or after the World Journal Tribune went out of business. If after, then the reference library (or morgue, as newspaper people usually call their library and clipping files) might well have been disposed of. Kamm may be suggesting that it went to the New York Public Library, which seems a natural place for it to go if it goes anywhere. The average newspaper morgue is a pile of junk, by and large, each one amassed according to the ideas and whatever instinct for system that particular newspaper's librarian happened to have. I shudder to think what a vast conglomeration the World Journal Tribune's must have been -- first the merger of the Hearst Journal with the Pulitzer World, then the final merger with the Herald-Tribune. It staggers the imagination. Great rummaging ground for history students, though.

Assuming this vast morgue actually went to the NY public library, and assuming someone didn't first remove such a sensitive document as Dorothy Kilgallen's notes, (if indeed they ever got into it) One can understand Mr. Kamm's suggestion that you'd need a date in order to find it.

In case you don't already know about it, there is a new newsletter being put out in San Diego which is very well done. They've put out six issues thus far, and will send them to you free if you write and ask. There is no subscription fee, but they do request donations toward their work if you feel like it.

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Assassination Inquiry Committee  
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The editors are listed as A. George Abbott, M.D., Prescott S. Nichols, Stephen Pauley, M.D., and Jon Olson. They are doing a fine job, one that should have been done long ago. They appear to be working closely with Dr. Popkin and with the inquiry committee in Los Angeles. They carry just about everything publishable about developments in the Garrison case.

This is a sad day to be writing, or doing anything, really. I alternate between hope and despondency at how slowly, but relentlessly, my worst ~~feared~~ fears of five years ago have been and continue to be borne out. It will go on. We mustn't give up.

Sincerely,

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