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11/9-In the event it doesn't make the papers, NBC-TV News tonight had a report from its State Dept. corres. and pretty clearly from there to the effect that Lin Piao had tried to take over from Mao, that there had been three attempts to assassinate Mao, and the rest not new (to me), the earlier reports that Lin was in the plane that crashed in Mongolia. The story is said to be of official Chinese origin. H

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11/11 John Stewart Service was aired by NBC's Today by phone from Hong Kong this a.m. On the chance he might say something of interest, or that his general attitude might be of interest to you, I taped it. This also served the utilitarian function of permitting me to make a comparison check between the built-in mike and the extra you so kindly sent me. It will be important when I see Ray next week, for Bud's interview with him is largely incomprehensible. So, I'll audition it while I'm posting some more corrections in PM and see if I can detect a significant difference. I will also try this under more adverse conditions, when I am with Jerry Ray before we see James. I'll put this cassette to itself in the event you would like to hear it. After my return, I can then send it. Tentatively, it looks like I'll be about two weeks. N.O. presents certain hazards of which I am aware, so I'll be getting out of there as fast as I can. Dallas presents certain opportunities. I have in mind only a narrow part of the JFK case in each city, each different. There is not anything I would consider new in Service. HW.

For both Jess: Lil has completed *nam*, is about it now.

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11/12- How odd my "publisher" could arrange no appearances or promotions when Jerry Ray, limited as are his resources and finances, has already, within three days, arranged a TV appearance of a half hour, a radio show and an interview (printed press) in Knoxville and there is the possibility that a Bristol station will fly a crew to Knoxville to do a show! That is, this is what he had done by the time he wrote me on the 10th. Nothing like a good press for a dead book, is there ...Until I get to N.O. and Dallas, I don't know how long I'll be either place. But I'd like to be home by the first. There is the possibility of a speech for which I'd be paid the week of the 5th. That would mean a trip to where there are no interviews or investigations, only seminars. Best,

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