

12/27/57

Dear Bob,

Hope you are having a good holiday season. We actually took a day off and went to a Golden Wedding anniversary in my family, seeing friends unseen for years, with Ed getting a cold for her reward. With her, this usually means a kind of laryngitis and I say she is unseeable.

My reference to the San Francisco reporter was to the man credited with making the worst out of the homosexual story.

My own feeling, for some time, has been that Sylvia is bitter that a good book could not appear when it was ready, that she was denied her right (as she was), and that she is bitter. However, although I have had time to just barely begin it, when she deals with others she is in factual error of a kind that cannot be accidental. Example: dating WHITEWASH as appearing after Inquest, when she not only know better but it bears the publication date of 1985. I have ignored it and her after telling her what I think of her then-latest tirade against me, another falsification that is entirely unlike her. I not also that it was deleted from what she sent Arnoni and he did print....You are, apparently, right about the errors in the index as they relate to me. Others have said the same thing. However, that is quite understandable, for errors do come up in editing. However, there was some time on her book, and they should not have...Her personal problem, on which you touch, is, I think, more tragic. I understand that after a long-delayed marriage her husband died young...It has come to the point that Vince asked me Sunday "What is Sylvia up to?" He told me that she and Thompson are making joint appearances. She cannot but know that Thompson has made deliberate errors to evolve a formula that the government can live with. She and he have been running around together on their work since the Summer, to my knowledge. His is perhaps the most sinister book of all because it has the mark of a CIA job, the pretended criticism that really seeks to authenticate all the major official conclusions.

On Penn's 12/21 editorials: I gave Jim the Redlich letter. It also says that Liebeler had a picture with him, although this may well refer to the mark on the curb. I was in New Orleans after the story broke. I got a young radio newsman to phone and question Walthers. He got Walthers to say what the deposition showed: that he had not been asked about the bullet. Where the government is hooked on this is: if it wasn't a bullet, it was most likely a piece of the President's brain, and that, in itself, a destructive of the report...You will recognize most of that story as having come from Al Chapman. I have given him a missing picture of the series, showing a hit on the concrete nearby. I've asked Chapman to check back and see if he could get this and others that may exist...and on Robert, it is even worse than Penn rightly says. I have the SS investigation. Robert "protected" Marine from the exploiters by setting up a 35% deal. He got 10% of her gross in return for nothing else. No prize cow was ever milked as thoroughly. The first thing he did was separate her from Ruth Beine, the only woman with whom she could communicate.

Hope you all have a good year coming. Our best,