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Dear Nancy,

I was sorry to have missed you in Chicago when you were here recently. At the time I was alive and well, though just barely, in Washington. I am now a soldier for a year and a half. I know you'll find this hard to believe, but I prefer a law practice. The only regret I have is that I've been assigned to the Pentagon. You can imagine how enthralled I would have been to go to Vietnam. Its harder to get to be a war criminal in the states. This is do to the fact that the Maryland and Virginia countryside are not yet swarming with Viet Cong. Just outside agitators. I work in the Counterintelligence Analysis Division of the Assistant Chief of Staff for Intelligence Office in the Army. This means I spend my time cataloging enemies of the state so that they may be zapped at our Commander-in-Chief's discretion. So far the only spy I've uncovered is Dick, but family loyalty is such that I've hushed it up.

I think I have tricked my superiors into approving a leave over Christmas and New Years. Presumably the Republic will not fall in my brief absence. At the moment it looks as if I'll arrive in Frankfurt on the evening of the 24th of December. I plan to meet friends at some point, probably in Paris on the 25th or shortly thereafter. After a brief skiing interlude to fracture my tibias and fibias I will return to New York from London on the 6th of January. Then I will get back to the work of winning the war in Vietnam. This should conclude on or about the 8th of January, 1993. Spiro Agnew will be our President then and all will be well.

I would hate to miss you or Jacques or any of you. If you are going to be in Paris or Vieux Moulin or nearby during this period please let me know when and where so that I can arrange my plans accordingly. I will be at the above address until the 18th, when I will fly to Chicago.

The one difference between planning a trip as a civilian and a soldier is that with the former you can be fairly sure of getting where you're going but with the latter travel plans may be interrupted by a coup d'etat bringing General Westmoreland to power. But, so be it. I'm hopeful of making it.

Please give my best to all. Che Guevara lives. I'm looking forward to hearing from you.

Love,