21 June 1972

Dear Miss Shepard:

Many thanks for your book. I am looking forward to reading it with keen interest. I well remember the button incident at Brasilia airport and have travelled abroad with extra buttons in my pocket ever since.

With every good wish,

Faithfully,

Vernon A. Walters
Lieutenant General, USA

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Miss Elaine Shepard
June 9, 1972

Dear General Walters,

Last September I flew to Brussels to stay with John and Barbara Eisenhower just before they left for home. I was doing a feature story on them for Twin Circle. Your name came up.

In April my niece and I flew with Barbara to London to do a story on her new granddaughter and at the dinner Ray Scherer and his wife gave we reminisced about the hilarious episodes on the South American trip, not the least being your missing sleeve button, which I helped search for.

I tried to explain all this to a receptionist who relayed it to your secretary (just after returning from the Moscow Presidential trip). Perhaps we can convene on my next visit to Washington. Meanwhile, here is my first book. You're in it. The disconcertingly thrifty publisher didn't spring for an index. Sorry.

Best and Cheers,

Elaine Shepard, Contributing Editor Twin Circle

Enclosures

Afterthought: Let me know if you'd like my hawkish look on VN. I'd see the story of the Epiphany.