

Dear Jim,

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I've delayed mailing you the enclosed to see if there would be what I do not expect, a reaction. I had considered it possible that Dugan would come to realize what he did was too raw and that he might ask the clerk to arrange a delay. I believe there will be one under the circumstances and that in the long run Dugan will have hurt himself. It is one of the dirtier dirty tricks. He has had ample time to respond by mail to my first letter but not the second.

There have been some intrusions of the nature with which you are familiar that have interfered with my work and I'm having a little phlebitis-related trouble but yesterday I got back with it and as part of a medical experiment worked 20 hours, interspersing working at the desk with several walks and a bit of digging out the inlet to the pond. I'll see today if it relieves the manifestations that have been increasing, gradually but steadily. I'll return to this. By the time I went to bed I'd responded to the Shea affidavit paragraph by paragraph. Today I'll go over his attachments and then a prior affidavit I'm sure has in it what I want to use. If I had not told you, prior to this because of his nasty, snide cracks that are unbecoming at best and out of place in such a document I'd prepared medical and professional-expertise statements.

After She I'll take the others, one at a time and in the same manner, responding to their paragraphs in the sequence in which they appear. I have a special point in this.

We simply have to cut down on the work you do that really isn't necessary. You agreed to just cut or edit the last affidavit draft, meaning both, and you did not. I could have had it retyped, saving you that time, too. I am increasingly apprehensive about some of the matters we have not been able to get to. They loom as more important to me daily.

What I'd like you to think through, especially considering the accumulation you will face on return and the amount of work you can't avoid, is what you agreed to do last time. Forget about literary masterpieces and content yourself with an effective statement of fact. When I do these drafts paragraph by paragraph with that to which they respond the organization can't be unacceptable. This reduces it to working and content, both of which are editing jobs only. If you do this, edit, you'll save yourself much time. What we will have will be powerful, very powerful, more than enough for the judge to do something about the burdens imposed on judges and litigants by these terrible people.

Except that with Jerry I've progressed to where I'm not a full-fledged Christian in other areas nothing new. I must be doing something wrong. There are a few more ~~aff~~ details of his affair with the lady whose paper specializes in the private lives of others.

My reason for putting in the long day yesterday and getting less sleep as a result was to see if the extra time in which I am not moving my legs and their muscles has anything to do with the discomforts that began about a week ago, perhaps a little more but after the 2d, when I recall telling Dr. Turner how fine I felt and had been feeling. I think, in looking back, that I had been fairly comfortable for a long period beginning some time after the anti-coagulant was discontinued. For a period of time after that I remember being uneasy and wondering if the discomforts had any connection with that discontinuance. Now it is mostly in the feet and more in the less-affected one. Use of the legs does seem to ease it temporarily. It is not really very painful but it is uncomfortable and an intrusion into concentration. I received my new supports last week. I remember wearing them for a period one day and for the day Thursday, when I suddenly fell asleep sitting up and Lil went to bed letting me sleep. I was that way for four hours and very unsteady when I roused. It was almost like passing out rather than going to sleep. I realized this Saturday or Sunday when I felt it coming on, took them off and came out of it in a short time. Thus I put them on again supertime yesterday and did wear them until I went to bed. I have them on again this morning. I may see a doctor. Yesterday was his day off. I'm to call at 10:30. When I became aware that these discomforts were not going away I phone the local vascular surgeon I was to see the end of this month. He was about to leave on vacation. I reported the reason to his nurse. When she did not call back I presume she spoke to him and he had no special concern. I have an appointment with him for the afternoon of the day of his return to work, 30th. One of the reasons for my concern is something he told me: he wants me to have good support for my arches. I wish people would explain things to me. That is where the discomfort has come and stays, with the shoes he approved the least comfortable. Now for a walk. Hope you are all enjoying yourselves. Best,