

September 15, 1970

Dearest Sylvia:

Again, thank you for calling last night--and for being psychic and calling at the "right time"-- Jimmy Lee walked in just before we hung up but he was just pleased that we had talked... Jimmy leaves Thursday morning at 6 a.m. for the Army. We still hope that he will be sent to language school in California. There is a pretty good possibility.

I am enclosing a copy of Harold's letter to Paul. My copy is about a fifth or sixth carbon and extremely poor. If you have too much trouble with this Xerox, I will send you the "original" carbon I have and let you try with it. However, I think you would have almost as much trouble with it.

At 5 minutes to 10 last night David Lifton called me. He talked until 11:15. He must have been on the "free phone" because he usually asks me to hang up and call him back on my bill... I never once asked him about his work or when he was coming to Dallas. He volunteered, finally, that he will be here in late October or early November. You must have aroused his interest in our chronologies. He wants copies of them. He needs them, he says. I told him they were not mine to give. He said he must get back in a good humor with Fred because Fred has them. I explained that what Fred has is a copy of parts of two early volumes and not very complete. He was very interested in my impression of you. He had to "change his tapes" several times... He would ask me questions and when my "hillbilly accent" would undoubtedly blur words, he would repeat exactly what I had said in very distinct words... He did comment at length on Paul Hoch's paper. Since he was a physics major, he was full of good strong points against the thesis Paul advanced. When he finally hung up, Buck even commented on how unusually quiet I had been. Buck wanted to know if I was ill again... Just before David hung up, he said, "Well, I hadn't talked to you since early August and just wanted you to know I was thinking of you."

David said his parents are in Europe right now. He talked like they were rather angry with him for not coming to visit them before they made the trip to Europe.

I have a strong feeling that David was just "feeling me out" before he calls you... so, be prepared!

Again, thank you for everything...

Love,

*Mary*

"Fish Watching"

