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Dear Sylvia:

I couldn't agree with you more about HW's habit of using us as conveyor belts for his correspondence... However, I can't believe that you are being subjected to the same indignities I am! I am receiving copies of HW's letters to Gary Schoener and Gary's letters to HW talking about me! They are wondering about what has happened to me... why I don't write... etc. Oh, well! As you say, some of it is "rather precious." Our Xerox is broken so I typed you a copy of the letter to Paul.

We are in the process of remodeling our house. Not really remodeling. Sort of cleaning up. We are having a new room, 14 X 16 built at the back so I can move all my books, papers, file cabinets, etc., out there and give the house back to Buck. We are having a shower put in, a new driveway built, the house painted outside and inside and the whole place recarpeted. Also having a carport built. It's a mess right now but should turn out to be rather nice in the final analysis... We looked and looked for houses. Anything we could find that would please both Buck and me was about \$50,000, and I don't feel we should invest that much in a home at our ages. I decided to put about \$10,000 to \$15,000 in this one and have what we both wanted, and have it paid for.

Jimmy is finally out of boot camp. He passed everything. However, because of all his health problems, I think they let him skip most of the tests. He also passed his typing test and is now in Clerk's School. He will be home the 17th of December for a leave. He has to go back the 3rd of January.

I don't know whether I ever told you about Billy's motorcycle accident last year. He was in the hospital about four months. They had to operate on his knee the 13th of November and now they think he will be fine. He is still on crutches but is walking better than he has since the accident last year.

Arch Kimbrough's mother had a severe heart attack last weekend and is in intensive care at Presbyterian Hospital. Arch is quite upset, of course. Kaiser, the man who wrote RFK Must Die, phoned Arch last night and said he had arranged to be in Dallas this coming Wednesday, the 2nd, for about five or six hours and would like to meet us. Arch called and asked me if I would meet the plane in case his mother isn't better. I'm going to try.

Newman just happened to call Arch one night while I was at Arch's house, about two weeks ago. He talked for two hours. He and Arch have been corresponding through Clarkson-Potter for some time now. Arch thinks Newman is great! Although I was very impressed with his book (I know! You weren't!) I was not impressed with him at all over the phone. I don't think I would like him at all! Arch thinks I'm being silly about it. I can't pin it down. But, I don't think I'd like him even if he'd written Accessories After The Fact.

