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Dear Ray -

Just a quick line to say that  
but Hank's came by Sunday night.  
I liked him very much. I've

sent Bill O'Connell a copy of the  
Chicago Sun-Times review (by  
Robert W. Allen) asking him to  
supply copies to you and the others.

There is much talk here about  
Port Ball's "disappearance." I  
heard they even had the FBI  
looking for him! Do you know  
what really happened?

How H.W. on Joe Rice. Well, at  
least he was calm. But if there was  
"no evidence" or photos which  
"never been before," I am  
unable to identify them.

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(Again, I have gone over  
the point where I intended  
to stop!) Well, I think  
you will easily understand  
my internal dilemma — not  
me: Think alone, but in other  
distractions. Perhaps I was ... but  
time will tell. Frankly, I find  
very distasteful the all-out  
Bellini campaign put on by  
Geo — I suppose Turk is  
aligned to go along — But  
for myself, I am grateful  
for Bob's - Merrill's rather  
Western approach to sales  
promotion — It suits me  
just fine. As the work of  
demanding Pompano, I do

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feel that AAFE is for  
the historical record, not  
for the Xmas's gift  
list.

My father is still in  
hospital but seems  
somewhat improved.

I'm hopeful that it is  
moving to recovery.

All the best to you and

Letha,

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I hope my 2-pgs letter  
re "Talk was not more of a  
"defense brief" than I really  
intended. To be frank, I have  
not yet really gotten the "feel"  
of him, as a person, and I  
do have occasionally  
weary feelings about him.

But I'm tired out & he  
hyper-critical or excessively  
suspicious — probably

because some people always  
assume that there is

competition or rivalry between  
his book and mine. I feel  
the two books are mutually  
helpful & complementary, not

"Competing" works — but I  
do want to myself for signs of  
pride, rivalry and self-interest  
— blind in the end means  
learning over backwards to be  
fair to Talk.