

Dear Sylvia,

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Thanks to Ted Gandolfo's telling me you'd asked for me, I assume you are OK. Some time ago ^Hoch heard you'd been hospitalized again. When I heard nothing I asked Roger, but he is often silent for long periods of time and he's not responded. I hope you are OK, anyway. Considering everything, I'm fine.

A ~~big~~ big hunk out of every day is walking therapy, about which I'm diligent. I drive to a nearby mall 7-7:30 a.m. and remain there until after 10:30. It is about 1/6 mile long and I can generally make at least a length before I have to stop and elevate the left leg and thigh. My doctor sent me there more than a year ago because it is cool in the summer, warm in the winter, and because I can sit every 100 feet in it. Because I do it every day (except Sunday), slowly there have been tangible results. The minor vessels have stretched and there is better, if still and permanently-inadequate circulation.

I also got hooked on reading for pleasure when I was first hospitalized and I read and enjoy some every day. In fact, a book is my timeclock at the mall. I rest for 2-4 pages, depending on the book and the pains, and then walk again.

So I don't get as much done. But I do get some and I'm hoping for results in some of the FOIA cases in which decisions are due soon. I've continued to make an incredibly devastating record, which the FBI and DJ can't and don't touch. Or ever try to touch. With it a strong if not unique and unprecedented record of official mendacity.

I do expect an appeals court decision in the old spectro/NAA case any day now and although I'll be pleased, I'll not be surprised if I prevail. If I do it can mean that the FBI can be ordered to do the curbstome and shirt collar tests again, and not mislay the results. The official mythology would not be able to survive this, so if I win, I ~~ask~~ FBI/DJ to seek en banc review or go directly to the Supreme Court.

This is corpus delicti stuff and despite the past and the record of the press, should get some attention. How could it possibly disappear?

The case record is extraordinarily powerful. The FBI knew the curbstome had been patched and in the field office cases I got a record they withheld from the ~~ME~~ Commission in which Gemberling actually spelled it out. And on deposition we got Frazier to admit that he'd had a question about the collar slits and asked Stombaugh to determine whether they coincide. As you know from the Lab picture I published, they don't.

So, it can be fun yet.

In the field office cases, where we have a fink judge, the power of the perjury case I ~~had~~ made, again without refutation, and the pbduracy of the FBI, turned the judge around and the FBI now has to justify its claims to having made many searches it did not make and can't justify. We should be getting more records, including on what they did to and about the critics.

Lesar's feeling was that at oral arguments before the appeals court in the NAA/spectro case the reception was at least not unfriendly and probably friendly. So, I'm hopeful and attribute the elapsed time without decision to the problem for the court in breaking new ground. ^Hopes so.

I've been trying to end these cases so I can get back to writing without the major interruptions these affidavits cause. In the recent past those I've filed are as long as or longer than three books. Lotsa work, but they also make important records, at least for the future.

I did want you to be prepared for the possibilities of the pending decision.

Best wishes,

