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Dear Sylvia,

Thanks for yours of the 4th, even if it was bad news. I fully understand, and sympathize with, the demands on your time. Humanity ~~is~~ needs the UN more than ever, and people like you are the core of it. Keep it up. At least now you have some idea of what I'm after, so send stuff if and when your schedule allows, and don't worry about it until then. A small token of my appreciation for your efforts to date, and for your friendship, will be on its way soon.

No, not your correspondence. I think it might be wiser to wait until the 26th, to minimize possible contusions + lacerations (see? see? I am a lawyer!) arising from the holiday season temporary postal employees.

Thanks for the information you sent. I had heard about the Harris v. Norden flap, but did not know if it was the same incident or what Harris said. I have not yet approached Bethell, because of his legal situation, and because he probably has had dozens of people asking the same questions. When I do approach him, it probably will be on a not-for-attribution basis, with him providing leads to follow elsewhere. God knows, I don't want to complicate his life.

Since 'tis the season to be jolly, I herewith tender a modest tune indizing, if nothing else, that I have sold out. This G. Edward Remmer original is to the tune of "Hark, the Herald Angels Sing":

If the probate judge will sign,
Half of this estate is mine.
Yachts + islands, diamonds, too,
One for me + one for you.
Don't complain, it's strictly legal
To make lawyers' lives more regal;
With this decree in my hand,
Things will go as God has planned.
Rest assured that when you die,
We'll get your cash by + by.

Seriously, I hope the holiday season provides opportunities for warmth and joy, and that 1972 shows that generosity, truth and good sense can grow and prosper.

Always the best,
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