

Dear Bill,

12/21/93

I hope this reaches you in time for you to know that we hope you and Betsy have the best possible holiday and that we all have a fine year ahead.

We celebrated fall's last day with a snow that here did not last, turned into rain, but higher on the mountain was a real one we can do without now! Shortest day of the year, too, so we've turned the corner.

On that fat package, I decided to learn if the p.o. means it when they say all you can get in that envelope for the basic two pound price. So, they do! Sorry that I have no extra copy of what follows. Dave and Jerry do if you'd ~~care~~ ^{care} to ask if you can borrow it. I did another today, an epilogue of 6,000 words. He testified to the Congress. Crap that reduced to self and book promotion.

Then Lil finishes going over the enclosure I'll send the Madoc one to our own Indian expert, Dave. I'm sending a copy to a local friend who is high on those kinds of things. Claims that some biblical Hebraic scratches have been found not far from you preceding Columbus by much.

I believe there is nothing to the Jowers business except perhaps a pitch for a book or for a movie. A Nashville Tennessean reported ^{it} as her Saturday and Sunday. She worked hard and well, looking names up and copying records for a coming Sunday story on it.

I knew Vivian Cadden in the 1930s and 1940s and what she quotes in her letter to Cooper she had to know was from my book. She was not in touch and I'm not a bit sorry.

The Post carried York's story but thanks, I'll send it to Dave, too.

Hope ~~that~~ when you said you are broke it is but a figure of speech!

It has been known for years that Tom Boggs has most of his father's records.

We got some good news today. Lil went up to the Wilmer Eye Institute of Johns Hopkins for a special injection to control the facial spasms on the left side of her face. They wake her, trouble her and often interfere with vision. It is a new thing, her having it and it having this treatment, both. The doctor was pleased because it was longer than before before she had to return. Good sign. She also made an appointment for the chief of corneal surgery there, the finest man and fine surgeon who removed the cataract from my better, right eye. The local ophthalmologist recommended that he examine me with the idea that maybe the cataract ought be removed from my poorer, left eye. I go there for his decision in February, first available appointment. I think the concern is that if that eye is to be in reserve it must have the cataract removed now. Ordinarily outpatient surgery. With me it means a balancing of risks. Last time I was five days there and I was a hematology patient, not an eye patient. It does not give me any concern because if they recommend it they have considered everything and I have the greatest confidence in them.

Thanks and our best to you both,

