

Just in case I can come then, would July 2 (late p.m.) through July 5th be inconvenient?

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Dear Harold:

Thank you so very much for the offer of the "air conditioned room"... I just believe I'll take you up on it in preference to the chicken coops which are fifteen miles away. However, it may very well be August before I get to make the trip.

I've had a particularly bad few days this week and your very kind analysis of the situation seemed to help me. I really don't deserve friends like you and Gary and this wonderful doctor Gary found for me... Actually, I had thought I could afford the luxury of a nervous breakdown and was somewhat enjoying it when the problems with Jimmy Lee flared up again in a big way and I had to "take second wind" and start all over. Yesterday was our 31st wedding anniversary and I think Buck and I were closer to divorce than we've ever been due to all the strain of the past few months (and the past few days in particular). However, the more irrational I get, the more calm he gets and everything is fine now... at least as far as our relationship goes.

Jimmy was arrested two nights ago with something on him, so there can be no doubt now as to whether or not he is "fooling" with it. We spent \$675.00 last night to get him out of jail and this is just the start... But, this morning Sue Fitch called me and said, "Mary Elizabeth, as well as I know you and as much as I love you, I hate to ask you such a personal question, but I must. Do you need money? I have some and you are welcome to it." I told her that I had been fortunate enough to have had enough to cover it. When I called Buck and told him what she had done, he said, "Well, that is the test of a true friend. You can have many friends until you start talking about money and then they start fading away." I'm sure he is absolutely right.

I am enclosing a piece from this morning's Dallas Morning News you may be interested in.

Have you received anything from Paul Hoch since he returned to California? I haven't heard a word from him and we are so anxious to hear about the things he learned on his last trip to the Archives.

I am supposed to have copies of the Nix and Muchmore films in the next few days. Do you have those yet? I have already paid for them but was told they would be several weeks arriving. The time is about up now. You do remember that I got my hands on the Archives copies of the Zapruder, Nix and Muchmore and actually counted the frames and examined each one of the Zapruder film? I made quite a few notes on this examination. Would you be interested in them? (I don't believe I am correct in what I just said... I made many notes on the slides but a few on the film)

Mary