

Dear Jim,

2/16/84

Greg Stone gave me a copy of the unpublished Lowenstein/Joling book draft on the RFK case. I'd been reading it while walking mornings in the mall but something happened today that led me to just sit and finish reading it. Greg did not tell me whether he had given Bud a copy or even if Bud knew of its existence. By and large I think it is excellent and needs very little work to be suitable for publishing. (Some of the writing in Chapter IV is pretty bad but is easily changed, without any change in content and a little is needed in other areas but unless there have been new developments it really needs very little.)

I'm going to make xeroxes of some pages of another chapter to send to a few reporters for inclusion in their morgues in the event something develops in the future.

If Bud has not read this, I think he should. I'm sure Joling or Greg would provide it. I've annotated this copy in the event consideration is given to publication. If you have time, you might want to read it. Or Mark, or Kevin.

What happened is something my family doctor cautioned me against. I got an infection in the left big toe. The caution was against any infection in the foot, because of a presume inadequacy of blood supply there. By yesterday morning the toe was swollen but my podiatrist was not in town. This morning he cut the cause out. I could not see it clearly but it seemed to be about a half-inch of ingrown nail, along the edge and not very wide. He's missed a bit of that nail two months ago and last visit he got more of it out. I guess he was trying to avoid what he had to do today. By the time I left his office I could hardly control the foot and pain radiated upward onto the ~~ankle~~ ankle. While I'm anything but an expert in such matters, there was what appeared to me to be much more than a trickle of blood and I guess that is good. Anyway, six hours later the pain has pretty much disappeared. (I took the first pain pill since before my first surgery in 1980, a single Tylenol.)

After the pain eased some I was bringing some wood in and a piece slipped off a right-hand finger and I got a sharp pain in the forearm. I'm having some trouble doing some things with that finger, like picking up, and if it persists I'll call my doctor tomorrow.

Monday

I'm to see the podiatrist again morning and until then another time-taker, regular soaking of the foot (which means unharnessing and reharnessing) and several applications of a sterile pad with peroxide.

Nothing of consequences in today's mail.

Best,