

Dear Dennis,

11/20/95

Your letter with its enclosure is a shocker!

I'm more than usually tired today and I'll go over it again tomorrow and then may write you more.

I had to abort my physical therapy thing morning because less than half of what I was doing with more resistance three weeks ago was too much. Then I went to the dentist and then return to the physical therapists for treatment. I've not been this tired in some time.

Have you any idea what could have happened? I assume that what she gave me after such long delay is a loused-up duplicate of the original.

That she was totally nonresponsive for so long in itself is suspicious.

She did not make the last corrections so the last pages should have paperclips on them.

Bill Neichter was on a fishing vacation. Heard from him today. I mentioned this to him asking if he can see any grounds for criminal prosecution and checking my belief that it qualifies for a civil action, a writ of replevin. If I feel better in the morning I'll send him a copy of what you sent me.

But all up to the last chapters she had, those with paperclips, had the corrections made on them. If the errors you found before those chapters are included, either I missed some or it is even more confusing.

What seems to be possible is that she loaned the disk to someone who made that kind of copy of it. But I wonder how those kinds of errors could be made in copying. I've wondered if something like this could have been done at Hood when Jerry had the copy made but that would not account for her nonresponsiveness for so long.

I've left a message for Jerry for him to stop off on his way home.

I was half-way through correcting the three chapters I've written on Max Holland and his American heritage piece when I left this morning. I think all this stuff permits rounding the picture out in context. Hope so. But I'll let reading and reproof in the rest await my feeling less tired.

But aside from all this great amount of wasted work for you I see an enormous xeroxing job here. I'll have to begin with the beginning. I wish I had more stacking space so I could use another file box for what I copy and send! I was thinking of that just yesterday and if I can find time to go over the raw material for Case Open and have that ready for the basement that will give me the space and right next to the copier. But I'll not ask Lil to do this because of her hip problems. We are not both hippies!

many thanks and best to you both.

Harold

While awaiting Jerry I've gone over your letter again.

From your reading of them do you think that you indicate are complete are more or less OK? I'd like to avoid all the unnecessary reading possible so I can use that time for other things, like finding what I should read, copying, etc.

If your library ~~has~~ has a directory of trade associations or the like and you can find time, where Carol did her internship and works in public relations and research is Lisboa Associates, 1317 F Street, NW #2622, 20004-1105; 202/638/1973. Unless a new building not a fancy one and it is in the heart of downtown, not the best address. It is in the block where the National Press Building is at the ~~corner~~ corner.

I know that as an intern she spent much time working on the Hill.

Computers are a mystery to me. Would these strange things have happened when a printout was made?

And why would she preserve an old disk ^{without} the corrections? Would not that mean making a new disk for some corrections? Why do that?

Skimming it again, + note a two-page difference on your page 4, Ch. 6. While I have no specific recollection of them I think I did make some insertions and ~~any~~ have found some ~~skipped~~ in the retyping.

11/21. It makes no sense to Jerry. He did wonder about the possibility of deterioration, of which he's heard. I gave him your letter and have copies for Gerry and for Bill. I'll let this wait a day because I'm still a bit tired and have what is always a tiring day ahead. A cousin drives us to Baltimore for my ^{semi-}annual examination by a prostate expert at Johns Hopkins. You and Gerry are now at the age where you should have an annual PSA test, one that I'll have. The trip itself is now tiring for me. If you can think of any possible explanation of what Carol has done I'd like to know, including how it was done. The only thing I can think of is her letting someone have the original disk and I can think of nobody not in government who would have that interest. Her behavior is what makes this seem likely. Sorry about all the extra work and trouble for you both.

Thanks and best,

Carol