

Dear Bill,

12/21/97

When I got ^{9'}him from the hospital yesterday there was your letter of the 17th saying that Charles may have to go there. ^{4'}I hope his infection clears up and he does not have to. Modern antibiotics sometimes work marvels and I hope they do with him. I suppose he knows whether he should file with workmen's comp or anything like that but if he does not know he should ask and not lose any rights by default.

It is because I knew you are busy and that he had had to take an outside job that I'd made no mention of Oswalds ^{4'}but we now have about 10 on backorder. I will ^{11'}want to pay your costs and it might be a good idea if that is not impossible to get more of them not because of immediate needs but because there is a slow but steady interest and because when we can't do the mailing all will go to the college and it will have that income to use on the costs of the archive. They'll get all the books.

Before the mail yesterday it felt like I was having another attack of the congestive heart failure. The blood pressure was pretty high (nurse neighbor took it) but I began to feel more like normal on the way in. Kept me there for blood ^{11'}tets, X-rays, EKG, etc. About the same as usual today. But that was exhausting for both of us yesterday.

I was in touch with Norris who says he has lost Hickey's address and will be in touch if he remembers it or finds it. I wish I could remember his daughter's name. Hickey's daughter who was in touch years ago.

There is a society of retired agents, based in Alexandria, VA ^{4'}but from how withdrawn Hickey was I doubt he'd respond. I got him a lawyer and never heard from him. And I had asked nothing of him. Or ^{11'}of the daughter.

It took Norris a ^{11'}long time to answer.

I did not know of that catalogue. Even that it had been made. How big is it?

Our best to Charles and to all of you the best of holidays and a fine year ahead.

Hardy

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DEAR CAROL

WE HAVE RUN INTO A GLITCH WITH CHARLES
DOING OSWALD. HE FELL AT WORK MUST HIS
LEG - NOW IT HAS AN INFECTION IN IT IT
NOT BETTER SOON THEY WILL PUT HIM IN HOSPITAL.
SO I AM GOING TO HAVE THEM DOSE SOME
WHERE ELSE. VERY SORRY FOR THE DELAY. EVERYONE
VERY BUSY. BUT YOUR NEEDS ARE IMPORTANT TO
ME WISHED I HAD MORE TIME. WILL KEEP YOU
ADVISED. HOPE YOU AND LIL ARE DOING OK.
WE ARE ALL OK HERE. I THINK DON'T FORGET
I WOULD LIKE TO MAKE CONTACT WITH
HINKEY OR EVEN NORMAN. I DON'T KNOW IF
I TOLD YOU BUT I REC WHAT I CALL A
CATALOG OF ALL J.F.K PAPERS & PHOTOS FROM
CINDY AT DALLAS ARCHIVES. NOT MANY PEOPLE
HAVE THEM. NOT IN FINISHED FORM YET. I THINK
SHE DID THIS UNDER THE TABLE SO TO
SPEAK FROM THE WAY HER LETTER SOUNDED
WELL MUST CLOSE, YOU & LIL HAVE A MERRY
XMAS,

YOUR FRIEND

BILL