

12/24/70

Dear Gris,

Thanks for your card and nice note. It has been years since we've been able to take time for cards, as I presume you understand.

FRAMEUP, the condensed COUP, restricted to the King/ Ray case, with an appendix and new final chapter you've not seen, is now about to be manufactured. It will appear some time next year. I hope you find it up to your expectations.

Meanwhile, ⁺ plu away, wearier daily but still, slowly, successfully. I continue to get new things, learn new things, which I can't begin to pass around but will get onto paper.

I'm also preparing more suits and the mere threat in some cases produces what was withheld, but what a time-consumer and gut-tearer!

I think the country is a bit worse than you say ("drags its weary way toward the decay and failure that moral weakness brings"). These things are true, but I think, as I said in COUP, that we are already in an Ameriform fascism that will not accelerate. I think it has since the election.

It is fine that you take the time with youth. I think despite so many things this is the best generation we've ever had. Their problems are less easily met than ours were when we were their years. There is a hopelessness in drugs. It is their escape from the reality with which they cannot cope. And that, I fear, we gave them.

However, we agree on your phrase, "the hope of the future", which does seem to be developing. The real fault is that of their elders.

I hope you are all well. This hasty note of thanks before I get snowed under again, having just finished with the proofs and the backlog that accumulated while going over them.

Have a good holiday and a fine year!

Sincerely,

12/22/70

Dear Hal:

This season is a good occasion to send you again my best wishes. You and your work have been much on my mind. How I wish your material were well published and I could go to work spreading the information you have gathered.

Our country drags its weary way toward the decay and failure that moral weakness brings and which were implicit in the events you have delved into - and yet more in their cover up.

My concentration is on building the "alternate society" which youth increasingly realize is necessary. In the midst of the futility and hopelessness of the drug-preoccupied there is little hope, but there is much else simultaneously developing that is the hope of the future.

So, a good Christmas and a fulfilling new year to the Weisbergs. - Givern Morgan