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Dear Bill,

Good picture of Betsy but can't say that for the fish. Never saw one that looked like that one!

Cartoons are great, too.

And Norris did not call.

Jerry suggested that I write about the Hersh book. I've read it, marked it up and have the first chapter written. I'll welcome anything you may see, including what I drove into town for yesterday hoping to find the story in the NY Times that had no mention of it, the lawsuit by those who sold the fake records, The Post had a story. I recognize the Times could have had it the day before.

It is a vicious, crazy book.

As by now you know, I've had to give up on getting anything retyped. If I could figure on having ~~more~~ time I'd wait but the way I feel I think it is better to send a copy of the rough draft around and let those who want a copy make it. I can't make all the packages and get anything else done and we ought not be paying for all the xeroxing, at our ages and with my medications alone costing from \$750 a month up. Seems impossible but alas it is the fact, and I have to keep in mind that either or both may require a nursing home. We are both making out unsteadily but so far neither has fallen in some time.

The rough drafts you will get will come from Bill in California and should go to ~~W~~ when you have finished with them. I've sent one <sup>set</sup> to Gerry, asking that he send it to Dennis, and for Dennis to send it to McKnight.

I did have an extra one made of the Donahue/Menninger one for the Secret Service agent they abused so. I've not been in touch with him directly but I was through another retired agent of that detail. I've written him telling him that I have a copy of the ms. for Hickey if he'd like it and I've not heard a word.

Maybe I will, maybe I won't.

In a month or more I've not gotten <sup>back</sup> another retyped chapter of the first Waketh epilogue. Dave is working on the epilogue to the Newman ms. And I'm expecting some interesting new material by mail any day now.

I may have a Waketh afterword, too!

Best to you both,

Harry