

Dear Bill,

10/31/00

Before I forget—and I have a ~~few~~ in forgetting, on the disks, if any are getting close to deterioration, I hope you can duplicate them so there will be no further deterioration until you learn if Clay has them.

There is much in life that almost requires depression. Depression with these things is, I think, not abnormal. I know from time to time that I must be somewhat depressed and feel that if I were not that would be abnormal. I had no problem with that recognized depression but it got to be different after those supposed to be helping us medically ruined both of ~~it~~^{us}. If anything meaningful can ever be done to help at our ages that is not possible. With the ripoff was neglect of ~~a~~ ulcers on both feet and legs until they became a problem in ~~walking~~^{walking}, etc., ~~sending~~^{sending} me to a nursing home when Katy would have given me better care at home and not discharging me. I finally discharged myself from the nursing home, after a medical investigation ~~that~~ told me that there was no secret need to keep me confined, which is what the home did to both ~~of~~ us, charging about \$9,000 for each of three months.

You are lucky to have no money problems. I have been trying to prevent them for 25 years, really more than that. ~~But~~ Since them for known medical reasons, most of my adult life in anticipation of the time that did come. I had the money and nursed it and I think we have enough for a couple of more years when we pay Katy without whom Lil at least would be back in the debilitating homes. (She is an entirely different person from the blood clots on her brain and the weakness from two broken hips, the second one and the brain clots a gift from the local hospital. It let her fall.

I'm still driving an 1987 Reliant and have no plans for an update.

And my older sister, Alma, also fell and broke a hip. Gloria tells me Alma will be home soon. Doing well. At 84 in 17 days.

The only place in town that I know sold typewriter ribbons closed up the first of this month.

The local crooks with no degrees had talked me into a peritoneal dialysis but ~~the~~ conscientious and real experts at Johns Hopkins nixed it and I took their advice. Won't bore you with the details but it was not medicine. It was greed and fraud. If it had not been not a good switch by itself, one of my blood problems rules it out.

I can still work but not as well and not when I'm at and in dialysis three days a week and am partly knocked out three more days. But in spite of all else that I have to do that Lil once did I still get a little done.

The indecencies about the Ken edys, of which you mention one I'd not

heard about, have become a disgusting national industry. I was⁴⁵ the guest of one, a rich woman, and never mentioned her in any writing. If I'd returned to that area, San Francisco, we were to have done an oral history that she would have placed in a safe deposit box for 75 years. - never got back there and she died a relatively young woman.

You did not say but I imagine that all data lost on her computer remains lost. That would be awful! Hope not!

If I ever heard of the Schi-lon program I do not now recall it. But I've never been really troubled by improper interferences. I know I've been robbed and almost daily get new proof that it was systematic. Recently learned that all I'd assembled on what we now as the Katzenbach memo, from several different sources and in three different places, is gone. I gave dupes of most away so I will be able to replace just about all of it. ⁴⁶It takes time and it is not conducive to ~~peace~~ peace of mind or concentration. I'm sure our phone is tapped.

Do try to keep your spirits and your physical activity up and to care. Wish there were some prospect of you getting here.

Wrone has finished a fine book on the Zapruder film. To be published by the University of Kansas Press. McKnight is getting close to the end of one of the books I had to lay aside and gave him, Honorable men. Both are fine jobs. *By him.* Jerry did a far better job than I could have. ⁴⁷He writes exceptionally well. With him it is painful work but for the ~~finished product~~ ^{finished product} much better.

Thanks and best to you all,

Harold

12/12. Please excuse the long delay. This got covered up and I now spend so little time at my desk I did not uncover it until this a.m.. And my memory is now so poor I do not remember what I intended to add and I've just read it!

One is that if you remember where you once got typewriter ribbons for me I'll appreciate several and will abuse people less with what is so pale and hard to read. For a Hermes 3000. That I bought in 1967 and have used hard most of the time since. *No type ribbons now available locally.*

What you and Dave Wrone sent, Ginocchio, too, and with what Jerry found still here, we have made it possible for Clay to make a fairly complete list. And if you find any more, fine! If you found any more I hope you told Clay.

Wrone's book is to be published by the University of Kansas press.

Hope you all are going to have a fine holiday season.

Thanks and best,

Harold