

Dear Clay,

12/23/98

We both thank both of you for the fine Xmas presents. I've enjoyed a bite or two of the cookies that have chocolate I'm not supposed to have and will save the single-malt Scotch for the day. But this time I'll not sip it straight.

The swelling in the left hand and arm have about gone but the spasms that make it impossible to control the fingers remain.

I'll walk a little and very slowly, with a ~~car~~ walker, but I think a trifle better than she had.

I guessed correctly that the enclosed bit of computer mystery was for Jerry. He'll be over for it one of these days.

Yesterday Hood finally picked up our stock of books. Held only a few for personal needs. Jerry told me you forgot Frame-Up. If I do not mail it after the Xmas rush, please remind me.

Jerry also told me what you said about Judge Brown. One and the same guy, according to Lesar, with a LA radio show. Lesar says he is under the most intensive surveillance as a result of his public disagreement with the official King mythology.

With the space in the basement left by the books I hope that Jerry can find the time to stack all the manuscript rough drafts, etc. there so they are accessible. To the degree possible I'd like to keep the final copies in my office and accessible to me and to others.

I've just finished an introduction for Inside that is intended to relate to all the many manuscripts. I'll be making a copy soon.

Hope the holiday was fine for all of you and that the coming year is even better.

The missing page of Whitewash VI is, I hope, in the basement with the duplicate of the original rough draft that I sent you. It is not in my office. I'm hoping that Jerry can find the time to stack all those boxes of drafts where the books were and will in that make them more accessible. But he'll not have the time until after Xmas. He is also pleased with the retyping of Honorable Men. I think the word he used for some of that writing is that he enjoyed it. Glad you did it and that it is clearer to him. However, while I have no right to tell you what your priorities should be, I do hope you can keep in mind that letting me do what I can while I can can end at any unexpected time.

Best,