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Dear Harold and Hil,

I read the enclosed article from  
the Village Voice of May 5 with glee for you. I hope  
that it reflects a turnaround in your fortunes and  
that you will in the future be making good money  
from your books, lectures, etc.

Despite the fact that I'm sure  
you have seen the article I'm nevertheless  
enclosing a copy with that lovely picture  
of you. I have heard, also, that you are on  
TV live in New York and, I hope, elsewhere.

Good luck + love to Hil

Sol

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Dear all,

So glad to get Sol's note!

And the clipping, for which I do have use, thanks. I got almost no magazines or papers now partly because I haven't time to go over them and partly cost. I'm still on the survival tack, although we have paid off the bank indebtedness.

The suppressions by the Times and both Washington papers denied you a real bit of Orwell in still another of these formerly top secret transcripts I've forced out. Elsewhere it was a major (AP A wire) story, commonly page 1.

Funny thing about that picture. It doesn't look like I felt. Which is why I didn't call you. Or remember some of the business calls I had to make.

I'm never sick. But by the time I got to NYC the day before that picture was taken I knew I was. Pneumonia and pleurisy. At the press conference at which the picture was taken (I know of no other possibility) my fever was 102. It was the only time I was out of the hotel except to go to the doctor and return home.

I was over both illnesses in a week except for a little discomfort as the pleurisy lingered at the bottom of a lung. Since then it has been a question of the gradual recapture of strength. I'm okay, as is Lil, who is visiting a sister this weekend. I got to where I could sleep fairly well, meaning enough but broken, sitting up.

I'd hoped to be able to do more. The press conference was quite successful with the electronic media. The speech was to begin the driving of the money-changers from the temple. I was not up to delivering it, face to face, daring direct confrontation.

None named or suggested without naming would have dared, believe me!

If I get a chance I'll do it yet. Some, like Mark Lane, are terrified at the thought and can't hide it.

I'm in court again on FOIA and the government is again trying to rewrite the law before a pro-government judge. I can't go into the many details of how I'm trying to cope with this but I'm hopeful, despite the heavy odds.

If I could get attention to this suit and what I've already had delivered after 11 1/2 years of suppression the whole thing might be over.

Thanks and our best,