Dear Bob,

4/20/74

There has to be some kind of conspiracy in which man and the heavens and all things mechanical conspire against our getting out of debt. The pump just went bad. That upset me enough so that until I work my way out of it I do such less taxing things as answer you letterof the 25th, which we were glad to get.

I didn't notice it until the tank was about empty, when I was drawing some water for a pot of tea. Because it is mid-afternoon, perhaps the plumber can arrange to make the repair in the a.m. I fear it is either in the well or the pumpt itself, not the motor, which runs and accomplishes nothing by running.

Universities' both are interested, one says it can't raise the money can I(!!!) and the other has said nothing. My terms are all my work and files, all I will yet do in return for keeping us going, no fixed sum but an agreed amount yearly, which would also include what I could do. I am, in fact, now working with a few students from one. end of these, one is working for me, consolidating the cards from the indexes of all my books, including those not printed. A valuable research tool.

On Watergate yours is a good beginning. What I have that is unpublished does involve CIA and Ford in what I regard as law violations and Nixon I am fairly certain in this and more. But there is such fear!A major element ofthe media has made its own investigation to see if it would be interested in the above kind of deal with me, the reporter assigned to make it seems greatly impressed, and I await what I regard as a certain rejection from top management, whose interests are never primarily journalistic. But I do have these kinds of things, what nobody else sees or gets, it can stand vigorous examination, and I urge you to take this not as an ego expression but as a thorough condemnation of all those forces in society we think inform us, protect our freedoms, etc.

When I feel ego, I have no reluctance in saying and recognizing it.

I do.

In order to retrieve some material I can't find I decided the only way would be to go over extensive notes I made contemporaneously, of my observations, what I did with them, who inx the press I tried to inform and about what and when, etc. I had forgotten most of it. Early mornings, when the house is cold and I'm getting the fireplace putting out some BTUs before waking Lil, I have been going over these. Even I am impressed with the conspicuously exceptional level of perception, understanding, analysis and accuracy And with the totality of journalistic abdication. When I finally decided to write myself and started following up some of those thing, without exception all paid off perfectly and all were easy to do.

In addition, I've also latched onto a few of the things that have been xxpxx suppressed. Except for the fact that they are official record, they add nothing, tell me nothing I didn't know except for a few illuminating details.

It is his record that qualified Ford. Who would want him for his own qualities?

We do no unnecessary travelling and not from the gas shortage alone. The car has more than 115,000 miles on it and while it is in good shape we're not able to replace it.

However, there is other money due me in New York and I may have to go there on this. If I do, alas, Lil still won't accompany me because I'll use the bus, not the car. Getting up that early is no sweat for me and she hates travel and its noice. She remains conditioned to any kinf of noise.

The freedom of information case of which you know is before the Supreme Court on a petition cert to which there has been no response. I've filed another in which Ford and his false swearing before the Senate Rules Committee does figure. Right now the crooks in government are climbing the wallm over it, which is not intended as a certain forecast of its outcome but is presented as an evaluation of content and potential. A young lawyer is handling it for me because of his own interest in it. I was to have gotten back his editing of the draft of an affidavit that, with the exhibits attached, many labelled Top Secret, blew even his mind. He was to decide what to hold in reserve, what he did not need immediately, retype and return for notarizing. Guess it will come tomorrow. The feds have lied to the court about the content of what I seek, when and how it was classified, and I have the proof, these exhibits. A judge not a government partisan might consider this to be official perjury and its subornation. He'll have a chance. We are moving to strike the falsely sworn...Our best to you all,

Feb 25, 1974

Dear Harold and Lil,

Frieda and I are glad that you finally did get down to our Xmas card with the view of a sunset from our terrace because we did get from you, as a result, the comparative good news that you got a 5 G plus settlement on your battle for money due you on "Frame-Up" and that you have finally reached agreement on a settlement of your litigation with the government for the harm it did by its overflights of your home and farm and that this will enable you to get out from under the load of debt which has accumulated on your home. That should allow you and Lil to heave sighs of relief.

We do hope that you are successful in your negotiations as a follow-up to the university feelers for your files. If it should eventuate in a deal which will give you a secure income for the balance of your and Lil's lives, that would be a consummation devoutly to be wished. Meanwhile keep up the good work.

I find your comments about Watergate fascinating though, at this point, I would not be surprised by anything reflecting suppression of documents and other sources of information and involvement by Nixon, CIA and even Ford. As for the latter's past all I can say is that it must be that past that put a Ford into Nixon's future.

Will you and Lil be coming up our way? We would love to see you. Now that I'm with the judge I have no occasion to travel to Washington.

I hope your comparative good luck keeps up. Frieda and I send our love

Sincerely
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