

Dear Karen,

12/18/76

We are so proud of your rapid advancement! How great it will be if Westinghouse puts you in the graduate student program. A high-school friend did this with duPont and last I heard of him he was a plant manager. They'll make you Portia yet!

The clippings with your 12/15 are helpful. Even the syndicated Lardner story from the WxPost. It is not the same as the story the Post carried. Ditto with the PghPress 12/9 on Garcia Menocal. Very interesting point in that. So many thanks and be assured it is helpful.

We had a card from Mary. If Lil does not find time to thank her please do for us.

We are more than usually overloaded now by the volume of records I'm getting from the government, more than 500 more pages from the FBI yesterday and a weekly forecast of this volume.

They have opted a clever kind of stonewalling: assigning review people who know nothing about the case. So they just obliterate every name and claim the privacy exemption.

This reminds me of something that would also serve other purposes if Mary, who has so legible a handwriting, could find time for it. The immediate use would be to deter this kind of stonewalling that by the time of supposed full compliance maybe a year or more from now will present insurmountable obstacles, will be beyond correction or rectification. The long-range use would be archival, as part of the overall card-file index I have already.

These names that are public are in books that are indexed. If Mary could find the time to duplicate those indexes on 3x5 card for me I could lead them to the FBI for checking and reduce the obliterations. They would have no excuse, anyway.

If she can do this I'll tell her more. It would be only the duplicating of the printed indexes on 3x5 cards with a code identification of each book on each card, like GF for Gerold Frank's, WBU for Hue's, F-U for Frame-Up and JB for Jim Bishop's. When added to the overall index there would be the code indication at the front, what we now have for what is in it, all my work. (Actually I'd like to be able to include Meagher and Roffman in time, merely for students of the future.)

This FBI stuff is going to make a remarkable archive. Every withholding I can prevent will make it more valuable.

Mary may be too busy or may not want to, but if she can do this it can be a great help, now and later.

Lil is already busy with someone talking taxes, so I include her best wishes for the holiday and the coming year to you all, and my special thanks for the nibbles when I get hungry. Small packages of cheese lend themselves to this. I didn't wait for Xmas and Lil is too tired for a tree this year, she says. I went out day before yesterday to dig up a small cedar and pot it for her anyway but the ground was still frozen below the top two inches.

Best,

12/15/76

Dear Harold,

Just a few more clippings for you to go through in your free time, although I know you don't have any. I've really been busy lately. Westinghouse was in court last week & was able to obtain a favorable ruling. Now, to show our good faith, we have to produce 35,000 pages of documents for the plaintiff by Dec. 22. That means overtime every night & weekends. Westinghouse rented several rooms in the hotel upstairs to use as work areas, so whenever we have to work unusually late, we just sleep there. I was promoted to assistant supervisor last week; a little more pay & alot more work. I also found out that I'm under consideration for a permanent position. One of the lawyers called me into his office to tell me that he's trying to get me into Westinghouse's graduate student program - that would mean help with law school tuition. Things look pretty promising.

Take care. Best wishes & Merry Christmas to you & Hil.

Karen