

Dear Karen and Mary,

1/12/77

You two are great! Very glad with you 1/7.

Yes I would like the indexes to the Meagher and Roffman books on cards to be worked in with the index cards to all of mine for the future. But there is no rush on this.

There is no index to Clay Blair's The Strange Case of James Earl Ray. One part of it is of immediate interest, the transcript at the end, which was just a last-minute addition.

If you can find a copy of that and if I may ask something else of you, that is the most important source. Meaning the transcript.

The content is important in compliance so at least the names in it are immediately of value.

If I am correct that this trash has no index and if you can find a copy, don't bother with anything other than the transcript. If we have not discussed this and you can do it, absent another abbreviation, how about what you might otherwise regard as a desecration. About which more below unless I'm interrupted.

This transcript holds other values not immediate but perhaps necessary soon. It holds all the official allegations, in the testimony and particularly in the narration by Peasley. At some point perhaps soon we'll need a list of all these allegations. Now if it is possible this would be a good project for our budding Fortia. Before getting you note and the clips (thanks) I had asked Jim if he had a lawyer friend who might undertake this. There is one he was going to ask. One of the purposes is to go farther than I did in Frame-Up, comparing the allegations with the evidence. This is to say to do what I did and then do more. I did not take all the allegations.

Now, OW Whitewash, or do you use YW? I can use some advice from someone who has nothing to sell. I can then consult those who do sell when I have a better understanding. With the heavy snows and our getting snowed in (only three days this time before the fuel truck made it possible to get out with a running, downhill start) I've been thinking again about a CB rig for emergencies only. Not for the car although from cost alone if I can get a 13-v pack that can be recharged I might go that way. I believe that Channel 9 is the emergency band. We are about 4 miles by air from the set that monitors it in the sheriff's office, within sight save for the pines at the opposite end of the pool. I don't want to have a fixed station although I suppose I could if I had to use the TV mast (40'). What I had in mind is a portable with a whip aerial. The one store I went to had what it called a ~~snuggly~~ dandy- at \$160 plus the cost of 10 AA cells. With tax it is creeping up on \$200, too much. It is a 4-watt rig and he says get no less for dependability.

Believe it or not you are the only one I know with a CB outfit. So I'm interested in knowing all I have to know not to be extravagant and at the same time not to be foolish. How far does your rig usually carry? How far under adverse conditions? I suppose on xtals I'd want the emergency one and perhaps one other because while I've been writing this something else came to mind: if I am out and Lil needs ne a cheap set should ~~xxxx~~ pick up from all over out place and as far as I can walk in decent weather.

I feel pretty good but I'm taking as few chances as possible. I'm staying out of the bitter weather because my legs and feet get too cold but I need the walking so I've gotten some overalls to see if they'll break the wind enough for me to resume walking. I'm getting the exercise for the legs for circulation but not for burning up calories. I do at least 10 miles @ 15 mph on the exercycle each day and since early November I've put on enough eight to need clothes. So when the snow is gone and the danger of falling is reduced I'm going out in the woods and carry all the down wood to the house for sawing. I began this before the snow hit. But I have only enough for an emergency of the kind for which I'd need a CB outfit, the lines down. I've got enough to last at least two days out and stacked at the porch and kitchen doors but I'm saving it and hoping not to need it. But cold as it has been if the snow ever melts I do not want it having to come for me, so I think that maybe with a pocket set if she should call me I'd hear it. I do miss the exercise, too.

I think the store said this rig of which they have so high an opinion comes with all 23 channels. Do they all, or all the decent ones? Would I need them all?

Now that they have authorized more channels do you think the price of the decent ones of the current number will go down? The cost of this self-contained one is pretty stiff for us, one of the reasons I asked about power needs. But I suppose those I see advertised for around \$60 on special, car sets, require a large number of extras. And a base station depending on line current would be valueless because as long as the lines are up I have no need for anything other than the phone.

Weather, as your dad can probably tell you, tends to go in cycles. It has been some years since we've had as severe a winter as this one is starting to be-early. I've seen as much as 30 inches of snow in March, when the weather has started to ease up. I've been without phone for as much as 8 days at a time. I'm a bit more able then. Also, if not often, I do have to leave. Next month I'm to go to Detroit to do the Lou Gordon show (unless he and his wife remember me from 1967, when I did him in after he got nasty on camera). This means that Lil, who also now is less able, will be alone and 500 feet from the road if there is a storm. This is really the kind of rare emergency for which I have in mind taking some precautions, because I have no interest in just yakking. That was my bag in the last 20s (X 36WW).

On other things you'll be pleased at a generality, on one subject I'm acquitting much and it is of significance.

As you have noticed from the papers the Congress has tumbled to the authoritarianism of its committee. I feel a little less lonely. Surprising that you have had no shows on it with Morrow being practically in bed with KDKA and Lane being their boy. (By the way, I'm satisfied with that. I'd rather use the time in other ways and they don't let me know what is helpful in their boastings.)

Were it not so close to supper I'd not have rambled so. You are very helpful and I will not be alone in appreciating it. If you cannot undertake the Blair transcript project fine. When I see you I'll explain its other purposes.

Meanwhile, keep the law school in mind and in Westinghouse's mind. Our best and our thanks,

1/7/77

Dear Harold,

We have one book carded and another about half finished. Hopefully, next week will be able to get the other two books from the library and start consolidating the indexes.

If you want the indexes to Meagher & Roffman carded also but don't have an immediate use for them, we can start working on those a little at a time when we get the chance. We might be able to get one of them done while we're waiting for the other books to be returned to the library.

Best,
Karen