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Dear Harold,

With the weather being as bad as it has been these past few weeks I doubt that I'll be down for awhile to deliver your thermos in person so I figured I'd better drop it in the mail.

The other little thing you'll find in the box is the result of one of my New Year's resolutions. As part of my continuing project to "get my act together" & straighten out my priorities, plans etc, I decided that one of the things I needed to do was to let people know how I feel about them - especially people I care about - instead of holding my feelings inside. So, one of my resolutions was to do just that. Anyway, when I saw it in the store it pretty much expressed how I feel about you & all the work you've done, so I wanted you to have it as a symbol of my respect & admiration for you.

There's so much going on in Homestead that I'm involved in now, I hope the weather breaks for awhile so I can come down & tell you about it. The FBI, as I believe I told you, was investigating some of the borough contractors for illegal campaign contributions & was looking into the activities of our borough manager. Well, they finally gave us their findings - They found

NO evidence of any wrongdoing. Sound familiar?
It turns out that our borough manager has some
friends with the local FBI; So much for their help.
After alot of digging by a local reporter who ^{had} helped
us out during the election, we found out that several
members of our local "branch" of Organized Crime are
planning to open a mob-run rub parlor in Homestead
& that their local "agent" is none other than our borough
engineer. We really weren't surprised since he was
convicted of extortion not too long ago - the borough kept
him on as engineer however because ~~we~~ ^{council} believed in his
integrity! Well, to make a very long story short,
we're right now involved in trying to expose the fact
that several other borough officials are connected with
organized crime. It's awful damn interesting but the
more we find out the more it becomes clear just how
big the whole thing is. The "boss" who was going
to open the rub parlor here was assassinated last
month & one of ~~his~~ ^{his} parlors in Pittsburgh was
blown up just a few weeks ago. It gets pretty
scary when something like that happens & reminds you of
what you're getting involved with. Anyway, I have
alot of terrific stories to tell you, so at the first
sign of good weather I may be giving you a call
to see if you're going to be home that weekend.

Tell Bill I sent my best & take it easy (although
I know you never do).

Best,
Karen

P.S. Mary sends her best to both of you.

2/9/78

Dear "aren,

I'm snowed under if not quite snowed in.

More iced in. We had a warm day after the first of the series of snows. It thawed, running down the roads like during a cloudburst, then got cold that night.

I keep getting court work to do and hundreds more pages to read and I can't keep up.

So now I can do little more than tell you how much I appreciate the quotation from Andy Jackson and the very nice things you said with it.

You may not be aware of it but we also have the JFK bust in the living room.

Sorry it cost so much to get the thermos back but glad to have it for my less frequent trips to DC. The half-pint one did not satisfy!

How you can make it soon but you are right, not in the kind of weather we are having. When we have this kind I think I recall from the past that it tended to repeat in 5-7 day cycles.

Please be alert to the newest Lane insanities and any reporting of the House Assassins committee, which is worse than nuts. Little coverage here.

If I did not tell you, I have the last 60,000 pp the FBI let out.

Best,