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Dear Harold,

Now that the election is over I have some time to sit down & write letters.

This election was the dirtiest I've ever experienced; I couldn't even begin to tell you what all happened. I lost by 30 votes, although both Alex & his mother won by a wide margin & one of our other candidates won by 1 vote. Since we only managed to get 3 committee seats we won't have a large enough block of votes to decide the new local Dem. Chairman next month, however we will have our foot far enough in the door to cause a lot of trouble - which we plan to do. We've already had 1 hearing, which I have to tell you about when I see you. We went in with the most airtight case anyone has ever seen in Election Court and, because the fix was definitely in, had the ruling go against us. I'll bring the transcript with me whenever I come down - it's totally unbelievable! We're in the process of appealing it now & are seriously considering taking it to the State Supreme Court as a test case, so really much of the work is just beginning. We must be hitting a sore spot because they tried every trick in the book at the polls. Alex was punched & kicked, I was almost punched out by one of our opponents (who just happens to be the man who runs all of our local prostitution & drug rings & is a known murderer) - but that's another story I want to save until I can tell you in person.

Wecht walked away with the County Dem. Chairmanship, although both Alex & I got a few write in votes for that position. On the bright side, Arden Specter lost the Repub. nomination for governor.

Needless to say, I was really happy to hear of your victory over DJ/FBI - I'm anxious to look over what you've got.

As of right now, I have no definite plans for the next several weekends although, because everything with the hearing etc is up in the air, that's subject to last minute changes. Since I probably won't be sure until late in the week whether or not I'll have the particular weekend free, I'll have to give you a call on a wed. or Thurs. to check & see if it's OK to come down that weekend. Hopefully I'll be able to get away in the next 2-3 weeks - I'll give you a call as soon as I'm sure.

Take care - Hi to Lil - Mary also sends her best.

Karen