

Dear Karen,

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I've been slowed down in my writing. I've got only a draft of the first chapter.

I'd have written you sooner only I've just now shifted the order of chapters. I knew you were busy, but I thought that if I waited until the last minute perhaps you would have time to isolate the individual allegations about the crime.

Also people were to come, which would have taken time. One for today and tomorrow is not here and I expect another for Monday and Tuesday.

Without any more papers coming, and some should be on the way, Lil has about a thousand pages of copying awaiting her so I'd rather not load her up with making a copy of the guilty plea hearing transcript. If you can return that I think that what I'll do is cut it up as I go over it and separate it by subject. If you want a copy to keep we can make one for you when there is no pressure here.

I've been slowed down some by a medical problem. As yet it is not diagnosed.

For some time I've been aware that I have had not the physical capabilities I'd had. Then when I came back from a trip to Dallas to work on the spectro case it was reduced more. The medical plan we have was doing nothing so recently I've obtained other medical care on my own. I shudder to think of the bills if I can't get my insurer to pay them but there appears to have been no choice.

I have a local general practitioner. We like him. I had really expert consultations Monday at Georgetown University Hospital, the chief of surgery and his assistant. They are to be recommending some tests to the local doctor, who has me back on the anticoagulant.

There may be a question of some arterial involvement. I do not know.

It is just a question of waiting and then learning.

hope all is well with all of you.

Best,