Dear Gary, Schoener 5/9/75

Yesterday a Peanuts card from Paul, today chicken soup from you. (The mama has no Yiddische accent.)

The last previous card I remember was on a Valentine, from Jimmy Ray. A Vampire card with the longed, "We need some new blood in the outfit."

I was ill. Pneumonia and pleurisy can be rough. But it was not all that bad for me and except for tiredness I'm okay, thanks.

I'm told this lack of strength will linger but will disappear gradually.

So, it merely means that for a while I'll be able to do less.

Unfortunately, the real problem remains not what or how much I can do but what and how much has to be undone.

Those I've come to call Ripoff Associates, notoriously Cyril and Bud, are at it again. And when I should not have had to use the time of the energy I again had to blunt what I could not entirely frustrate.

The problem this time is not so much the thievery, which is fairly constant. And I do resent it and regard it as unethical.

Rather is it the jeopardy to what Jim and I have well under way with a suit in which our situation is excellent and from which we can reasonably expect much prospect of real accomplishment.

Not even my public announcement that I would make all this public -free - deterred these self-seekers and self-promoters.

They lust. And their lusts include all of Ned's.

For the other th whom higher motive can be attributed, there remains Santayana's wisdom. And caution. I wish the time would come when more would heed it.

The time now is delicate because the major question has changed. It is no longer will the official story come apart. Rather is it when and how.

The last thing we want is another whitewash or any more covering up.

Thanks for your good wishes,

Sincerely,

Harald-

Jerry called & told me you were ill. I hope you're in better shape by the time this arrives. It sounds like you've had a rough go of it.

Your last book, which I just finished, is excellent. I've given a few copies to others out here.

Best wishes for a speedy recovery,

Gary Schoener

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