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Dear Ian,

Many thanks for your note and "Gothic Politics", which arrived today. That book has been unavailable here. He also did an extensive magazine piece on the Klan and Klan types for a southern magazine last year. It was excellent.

We will be in DC Friday, as I reported earlier, and I'll be looking forward to lunch with you (and Cris?), if you are free. Lil may or may not be free for lunch, depending on how her medical appointments go. I'll phone you after we're there.

AP has moved a fair amount of copy on the Meridian trial. It may have been limited to the southern wire, for the Post and Times have carried almost nothing. I have the stories from the N.O. papers, which I still get. Do not forget Bowers is also charged with conspiracy in the Neshobe County murder of the three civil-rights workers.

The NYTimes says they are looking into the matters I raised and will be in touch "presently".

And if my life were not sufficiently complicated, hopf is now coming out with a book titled COUP D'ETAT, even on essentially the same subject. They describe theirs as a "practical handbook". But I have the copyright on the title. What a mess!

I do not know whether your paper goes for animal features or not (I know the English attitude ^{POWAGA} for pets, with some wonderful wartime stories), but I tell you of a picture story: a week ago one of the youngsters who regularly fishes in my pond was here with all three (or is it four?) of his dogs. One flushed a rabbit with young. It hurt one, drove a second into the water, whence the boy retrieved it and brought it to me. I asked him if he'd like to try and save/raise it and he said he would. So, I explained how to feed it with an eye-dropper, etc. Well, his wild rabbit is thriving. He keeps it in a lab cage supplied by another neighbor, a vet. The boy, Jaime, has or has had an assortment of improvised pets. He is about to get a non-poisonous water snake! Fine combo! So, he'll be after small fish for his snake. Jaime missed the hurt baby rabbit but another boy tried to save him, apparently without success. Should you think you might be interested, the vet is also an excellent amateur photographer.

Looking forward.

P.S. Unless "Citizen's Dissent" is a paperback or other than the first edition, I have no interest. I have one. But thanks.

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Dear Harold,

Attached is copy
of Sherrill's excellent book.

On checking I found
that the Mark Lane work I
spoke of is "A Citizen's
Dissent", which I believe
you have seen enough of
already. If you need a
copy let me know though.

With best wishes
to you and Lisa
Ian.

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