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very glad get you 11/29 & its assurances you are both well. had been concerned over long silence. if you dug, framed, poured and smoothed 14 yds concrete with all that hillside levelling you have to be in pretty good shape for a man whose retire life was not spent in hard physical work.

your gha observation correct, oddly here first recent time i was there with satisfaction, i am sure because it was out of old channels. whether or not expert on the post phlebotic condition turner's replacement is a compassionate man. I waled in off the street yesterday p.m., told his nurse that i was having some right-arm trouble, and because he had 3 patients waiting he arraged for the emergency-injury clinic to see me. did, promptly and with refreshing honesty and good humor. i tld first doctor no great pain but could hear and feel grating noise, sensation as i used thumb an fore-finger. so did, too, thra went for another doctor. they were smiling, surprised, went for still another. all new to new. third specializing in rheumateis medicine, is instruist. his was more careful examination because, as he actually said, he was indebted to me for a rare treat! all his years never saw such a thing. surprised only low-grade pain. he mixed intent others to start cartisene injections for three days during which i am to use old-fashioned remedy, hot soaks. he said it appeared to be what i had thought, scraping of tendon against sheath. so i am using rt. hand as little as possible. do not know how this will work when i start going through some 3,000 pages fbi king & indexes, 500 king pages sad more than this many on jfk after i take lil grocery shopping this a.m my whole office setup that of strongly right-handed perdon. may use tape if necessary if this kind of typing too awkward.

actually, despite hard emotional stresses of many kinds and frustrations over official stonewallings i have felt excellent since the misfit supportd were replaced, the most recent set, only problems minor, like corn from misfit. still walk vigorously but between that and bitter cold spend more timezen exercycle. this is boring so i time it to tv news, which keeps mind occupied. do four mile equivalent at 15 mph easily, stop then because seat becomes uncomfortable, cuts off circulation some. local bicycle shop washed out in flood. when rebuilt i will go back for largexseat an do mee at a time. do not know if good feeling from stabilization, body's rebuilding circulation by enlarging minor veind, which is visible at surface or intense vitamin E therapy. bia i do feel fine despite the stresses, like committee. ray another ans serious ans. hope his is only flipped-out lenning. more later on this.

wiscensia trip bag lift. from kids to chancellor, local ultra bigwigs, conservative press and birchers, all from left to right went for it big. keep getting favorable reports.

also encouraged that despite much lowered physical avtivity adequate strength remains. carried full xerox-paper carton official records about 2 blocks yesterday p.m. lesar had fearox i would not be able to lift it. made out okay with left arm. get into house no treble, either, so all current infucations are reassuring.

reassuring also to get mature opinion re my handling committee. carried it farther with lardner who was doing stery. lane and fensterwald will love his page-one quoting them, esp. lane in detail an almost elation in sprague owing them/him his job. lesar get pitch immediately. congress will not react as lane did.

your analysis korea-park developments simple, brilliant. thanks. now nothing else seems to explain it. if you need more on this I'm filing wx post steries. that they are after jack andersen on it also fascinates. if as you say that it is sensible worries, it is not original. it is evert switch on jfk of late 1962, early 1963. this is play for China against russia. what a way to run a world!

thanks for clips. plenty reading time with 2 hours a day to spend seeking arm. if you see anything on lane, committee at all, can be useful in end.

best,

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29 November 1976

Dear Harold:

The enclosed items all should be at least relatively self-explanatory in terms of possible interest to you at the time they were set aside for you. Some, at least may fill in possible chinks.

I do wish to thank you for the copy of Karnow's book on Mao. I've known of it for several years but never happened to see it and pick it up. Glad to have it, indeed. His perspective as of the time of writing should be helpful. You were most thoughtful to send it.

You are quite right: there has been nothing special to say, and to a surprising extent no time in which to say it. For more than a month I've been preoccupied with finishing up the complicated job of rebuilding the carport. It has taken much time because of the necessity of coordinating with our remarkably helpful and generous neighbor, and because it involves so much heavy work on a steep hillside. Altogether we poured 14 cubic yards of concrete in three different sessions, which may give you some idea. Before, during and after I did all the preparation work such as digging, building forms, and cleaning up the incredible mess afterward. The two-inch sheet of reinforced concrete covering the carport and the equally large ramp now has been curing nearly two weeks, watered down every night and kept damp so the crystallization process will continue as long as possible to provide maximum strength before we drive the car on it and risk cracking it.

With this continuing distraction there has been little opportunity to reply to any of your developments, really, before you would have forgotten about them and gone on to other things. I would like to say that we've followed your contacts with the new committee and your handling of same with a great deal of interest and sympathy. I do not see how you could have done otherwise. Also, your clippings on China and related subjects continue to fill holes and explain questions raised in the material we get here. Except for one thing: I agreed at first with your thought that the crackdown on the South Koreans was campaign politics to a considerable extent; But increasingly I suspect it is much bigger, that it implies a fundamental change in policy or at least a fundamental dispute over policy. Even as a gesture to reassure Peking it needs further explanation. The ~~awk~~ spectacle of our government actually ^{doing} anything SENSIBLE about a Cold War arena like Korea is entirely to un-American for anyone to feel comfortable about it

In the absence of any recent protests to GHA et al we assume your physical condition at least has stabilized and that you're both getting along reasonably well. We do hope so. We're both fine, have avoided both the swine flu and the inoculation therefor, and have no complaint.

We're on our way to the dentist for semi-annual checkups and cleaning, so I shall wind this up with a hope to do better about writing in the future. Meanwhile, all the best from us both,


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