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Dear Harold;

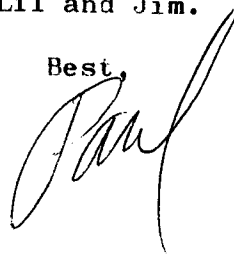
Glad to hear from you again. We are just over the big fires, I guess you saw them on TV. They are still not completely out but are under control as the winds did not come back. I just heard that an incendiary device had been found at the source of the biggest one. Luckily none were near me, although I could see them from the top of the hill where I live. It was really terrible. Two weeks ago they caught an arsonist up where I live in the hills above Hollywood. It was some guy about 35yrs. living in the brush. He had set four fires in the same spot at different times and they police finally got him. I live up such a steep windy hill that the fire Dept. has a tough time getting up, but they had to make the trip four times to put the fires out.

You didn't say whether or not you found the check I sent in the last mail with the Penn Jones TCI. Did you get it ok?

I guess the Committee will start up again in Nov. Any chance for anything to come out? How about Ray now that he is married?

Please give my best to Lil and Jim.

Best,



Relet 24: today's pace kept me from looking at mail until 1:30, when Lil was making copies and I paraphrased it for her. We are glad you let us know that the bad fires were not that close to you. It had been on our minds...I recall the descriptions of your hill and the motorcycle. ... By now you should have received my apology for not thanking you for the check earlier. Part of the press here. But it is getting results. Question is, is it worth the cost. Today I prepared a 5,000 word response to a ~~paper~~ IV filed in court on Thursday. (Lil was making copies to go with it.) and as soon as I clear up today's mail there is another affidavit to get on pronto...By the way, Univ. Wisc. Stevens point has done an introduction to the court papers in my 2052-73 in which I got the 1/21/64 transcript. It should be back from the printer's by now. I do not know the cost but it is a book and it is under \$10.00. ...Carol Pepper phoned me last night. The assassins have subpoenaed John Ray for 11/30 appearance in public. I understand they've set the date for Jimmy at about 11/16 and for two days. ...Jimmy's wife has told a scandal sheet National Star that they plan a test-tube baby. Blow Carol's mind when I told her. She had spoken to her new sister-in-law and says she sounds like a good person. Carol comes from the same tough background and is of reactionary view but while exceptionally nervous is otherwise stable, as is her husband, who has worked for the same employer for 15 years. ...The committee arranges to serve the subpoena on John in a way calculated to attract maximum attention to it and perhaps get him fired, like they had him thrown back in jail. ...Gene is again blaming the FBI for the "big job. If you have any stories out there I'd like to see them because it is impossible. Really crazy for him to do this while Ray's lawyer. ...I'm sorry about the concern I caused you from laying the check aside and then forgetting it but I do appreciate it!

est, HW 10/18/78