

1/12/70

Dear Dick,

Thanks for your ltr 1/5 and enclosures. Glanced at Jackson, will read carefully, glad to have. Asked friend to speak to him while back but it wasn't possible. However, what he says is rather interesting, with a couple of points I missed, like the bit about the sirens.

Snow: I wasn't, really, intending to complain. Just reporting. The main problem is outside my control, official deficiencies. They just do not clean the roads. The road on which I live has been blocked periodically, and at the junction, it and S road are both still single lane. If you had fewer automobiles and as little equipment and knowhow as they have here you'd enjoy it less, I think. And I am getting too old to clear a 4-500 foot lane without concern about over-exertion. I dug it out yesterday, and it snowed again during the night (not much). Our pond and pool have been frozen as long as you report but it is milder than usual here....Recharging battery and new points helped some.

Curry: check. No cost. Given to me. Disagree on inevitable of Hooveroma. More like a pansy than a rose, if not a skunk. of Lily.

Howard may have blown Fisher, but that is okay. He's still a great kid doing a great job.

Finck: even if there were no sampling front neck, he could not have seen the actual wound because of the trash. Did I not send you the draft of the letter I suggested Howard write him? Pix could not have shown wound for some reason: tube through it and enlarged it.

Eckhoff: you're wrong. He just staked a permanent claim to the spot behind the 8-ball. There is no doubt they took the picture for me. Didn't Johnson offer it to you that way? I still have the ruler in it, remember? No one else can produce that. Johnson never made any such mistake. They're worried and hurting- this is more like desperation. Until we see the actual picture, we do not know that they have come up with mine. John has been systematically pirating, I regret to say, while telling others he is worried about stealing from him? What's to steal? CE562,4: you are right. We also had extensive exchanges of letters on this. I remember writing you a long one on F's test, inc. compar. mic. pix. And I do remember your examination of the pictures. You sat at the old table in the living room. I believe you trimmed some of the prints, for purposes similar to those for which I had suggested negatives to be overlaid. But John went further than you say: he copyrighted this work for himself, if I recall! What he is up to troubles me much. At this point the best possibility seems to be an ego trip. I note to think of the worst. I also believe you sent me a copy of the letter 5/19.

Strange coincidences: Friday night I had to Uppman's (thin ones) given to me. They were stale and I didn't enjoy them. But years ago I loved the one that came, as I recall, in a tube. Many thanks. If and when I hear from John I'll send copy of letter. Meanwhile, note what I've asked of Howard (enc.) I think you'll see what I plan.

Best,