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Dear George,

The Sun remains unhappy! At it again today, enclosed.

Somehow/the big and rich corporations do strange things and as you know, you are not the first. ~~It was~~ CBS once held a massacre in its radio stations when they were making much money with talk shows. A former Cleveland report had the top west-coast show on KCBS, Harve Morgan. We became good friends. Firing him was a great favor to him because the ~~ABC~~ KGO TV hired him immediately. Only CBS made the decision a day or two after renewing his contract, so ~~that~~ they had to pay him for the full time of the contract. Last I heard Harve was teaching. Got turned off on reporting.

Brings back so much after 20 years! Whenever Harve got laryngitis his wife and producer, Judy, phoned me, sometimes in advance, sometimes minutes before air time. I'd ad lib the three hours (beginning 11 p.m. our time) and he'd save his voice for a couple of words and commercials. I always looked forward to the night I'd ~~spend~~ spend with them and their fine five-year old, Mike, every time I was out there.

Except the last time, when I was the guest of one of JFK's lady friends, a rich, intelligence and beautiful woman, since died. (I'm sorry I never got back. We were to tape an oral history she was to put away for 50-75 years.)

Hope whatever eventuates keeps you active enough and makes you happy.

Thanks for the nice letter.

Best wishes,

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Dear Harold;

Thank you for your kind letter. We have had a long and, to me, pleasing and enlightening acquaintance. I'm only sorry I have been unable to make more and better use of your knowledge and collected information.

I work on here until January. I am already exploring jobs with other news organizations, and seem likely to continue for a few more years at least in this interesting and (if the truth be known) amusing business. CBS Has to pay me a good deal of money to get rid of me. It might almost have paid them to keep me on for a couple of years, -I could be forced into retirement without severance pay in three more years.

Anyhow, the layoff has roused me from my comfortable rut. We shall see what I come up with next.

thanks for taking a moment to write me, and for sending along the Sun clipping;

your friend;

