

9/27/67

Dear Jonn,

Things happened and I couldn't phone this morning but I did get John after I got home. He is in accord but wants to talk to you because he does not understand the arithmetic and stock division. I asked him about calling you. He said he had the one time he got a message. There was then a phone number at which you could be reached until 7 and there was no answer. So, I gave him your office number. He said he'd phone you. I hope he does. He and Gallan have not yet straightened out what they do about Dell. I thought John was going to see someone right after I was in New York seems like a year ago, probably six weeks-two months but either I recall incorrectly or what is more likely, he didn't or they changed their signals. It wears me to mention this sort of thing. But I do hope he calls and you and he agree fast, because in principal I'm all for it. Here I am with another and I think an exciting and important book close to ready and I worry about paying for it. I'd like to not have this kind of worry, to worry just about getting a job done.

My people in Los Angeles have not responded. There is so much internecine fighting I usually stay out of, so much jealousy, envy and some thievery, I can only wonder what. I suspect it is the CBS thing I did, because they went ahead half cocked and got turned down fast, with no plans for going further. Someone at the FCC is sending me all the appropriate regulations and decisions.

By the way, have you any friends who would like to have and who would give a happy home (not just any home) to a gaggle of domesticated wild geese? I have six honkers. They come at my call, eat from the hand (from the mouth, too, if you're not afraid) without biting. I have them so tame I planned to do a TV commercial with them (get them a home, line it up, and we're in another business), telling the story of life and the story of the life cycle of wild geese in a food TV commercial. Beginning with love, possibly conception, the mating behavior, the nesting, hatching, educating, etc., all to the tune of a food commercial. I know it will work for any cereal product. I have (poor) pictures of them eating Corn Flakes, Rice Krispies, Cherios, etc (They like Rice Krispies least, but we nonetheless called a trio a year ago Snap, Crackle and Pop).

I offered them to Poland through a Polish correspondent who was here and was kind. I've not heard. We cannot keep them at the new place (where we hope to move maybe this weekend) because it is not fenced and I haven't time to do it and cannot afford to pay for having it done. Somebody can have a wonderful time with these geese. They are trained (Movie interest?). They also require federal and state permits, for they are covered by the migratory fowl laws.

John has promised to get in touch with Dick (overdue on Dell anyway) and then call me. If he does. I'll let you know what that situation is.

After the press on their statements, I wrote Ashmore and Bagg. Silence.

Nothing else from any of the media flirts, save the clipping I sent you this a.m. I see Prager and I hear CIA. I'm kind of surprised the Post left its own staff for this appointment. They have an expensive staff and have been adding many young reporters.

I am weary. Best regards,