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Dear Jonn,

I've lost your number. Please give it to me again. I'd have phoned if I'd known how. I may have given the wrong instructions to Joy Marns, who is doing a little (I fear very little) pr for Parallax.

Despite our leaking roof (we had a hell of a storm today) which is very bad for the plywood panelling (understatement), battles with the utility (all solved: we have current and paid no premium), and all the too-many other things, I've done a little of my own pr work. Everyone I've approached has responded favorably.

In Chicago, for example, I have not less than two TV shows, a.m. and p.m., and the top, three-hour, clear channel radio show. I hope this doesn't delay my getting to SF. I do not think it will

I've had no word from your territory since I last heard from you and wrote.

I'd hoped to speak to you before making tentative travel arrangements. As of tonight I anticipate no major change in what I briefly outlined to you.

Can we work on the weekend? Legal, Alfei, tapey:

My unplanned trip to Washington, when it behooves me to make travel arrangements with the holidays coming close to the end of my trip, is caused by a somewhat elevated diabetes check. They're doing it over in the a.m. to either confirm it or get a better reading or whatever it is that they do after making you swill that sinkeningly sweet concoction that looks like coke. I anticipate nothing that will change my plans. The rest of my checkup seems to have been okay. One more Monday and it is (I hope) over.

If things in SF are like in Chicago and I think I'll be able to make them in New Orleans, we may have a sifting problem, saving stuff for the various shows. If this is the case and there is any expressed preference (like by Dolan, who will by then have read the book), I'd like to know, but not until I'm out there. I have been wanting to phone Harv but haven't.

Last time Hal arranged a press conference. It was well attended by the electronic reporters, boycotted by the printed ones. One station that wanted to use me and couldn't was KPIX. They were rebuilding their studios. I did an hour on the KGO a.m. TV show. They liked it so well they filmed me (Pia Lindstrom doing the interviewing) for later use on news the same day. Hal will know the show. He'll probably recall everything he did. Did Mel Venter, at the Cox TV station in Oakland twice, flying back from LA to do the second one! He was grand!

We'll need help in L.A. The man who lined up most of that was then recuperating from a back seizure and had time. He is an actor who seems to be employed now. He is William O'Connell, 4175 Stansbury Ave., Sherman Oaks, Calif. Ray Marcus (who wrote the admirably-named monograph, "The Bastard Bullet") helped. The NY people are trying for the Pyne show. They said they wanted me back for WW II but I couldn't make it. Dell zu danken. I'm going to make a reservation for return from L.A. 11/19. I should know in time whether I have to change it and can do this out there.

Best regards and luck (medical),