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Dear Mike,

You will be hearing from and probably seeing Rod. Not as soon as he thought today when he told me he had come down with the flu. He seems to be unaware of how debilitating this season's strain is. He thought he'd be able to work through Thursday, as his editors want, to clean up some stories. I'll be surprised if he is in the office tomorrow. He did leave early today. I learned when I call him, having found something of which he'd spoken to me months ago.

He called me this morning after speaking to his editors. It is good. They did not go for the simplistic formula he thought they might but did give him a go-ahead on the general story, to work out an angle. I had occasion to speak to his editor Saturday. I hope it helped.

It is not likely that he'll pop in unexpected. In fact he can't. I never did give him your address. He'll have to call you to ask for it. Or me.

I think it is a good sign that they didn't take the easy road. I think you might well think about how you can help consistent with your own interests.

As of now the Anderson people plan to go no farther with the story. Even though they gave me the IG report and I gave the use to Rod, he still checked with them.

In the event nothing comes of this I've initiated a second step, with another reporter friend whose paper has a syndicate. I'll be getting together with him next week when I have to be near where he is.

Today I had a short note from Rudovsky, to see if his file had reached me. In response I've asked him if he has more. If he does I'll be near him in a month, as I told him. Gently and somewhat elliptically I raised a question about the possibility of hurt that remains for the family. He should know what I mean. If he tells me anything you should know I'll tell you.

I think there was something else but I'm tired. I went out this afternoon and did a little more work than I was up to. We had several severe windstorms. They blew down some dead trees I'd expected to saw up for firewood and couldn't because of the anti-coagulant. So, I carried some out to where I can reach them better and others to a pile to saw for next winter. We do live on the side of a mountain and they were downhill. It was a little too steep for a machine and I'm not supposed to run any risk of any cuts or bruises, so carrying and pulling seemed better. Anyway, this kind of exercise, if tiring, is good for me. I've missed it.

I'll be away from early Sunday until sometime Thursday if there is anything you think I should know.

Best regards,