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Dear Mary,

This awful Paul business, with the unrelated interruptions, have taken the entire morning by which I mean, wasted it. With some of my other recent experiences, I suppose you can understand why I sometimes feel like becoming a virtual hermit.

Lil will be delighted, as I am, to know that Jimmy Lee's illness, though serious, is one that can be coped with and from which there should be no lingering effects. That is, in a way (for he has been very sick), really good news. We know how relieved you both must fee.

How fortunate it is (and he is) that two officers are so interested in him. Especially at this juncture. That must mean much to him.

There is no rush on the chronology. It is something that can be done when there is free time. I'll not be able to use it for a while, and each day, alas, that time seems further away, for each day brings so many new and unnecessary things to cope with.

On Ferris: the chief thing was the FBI report saying he was with Kennedy at the trial.

It must have been good for both Buck and you to have the joyous kids at a time when he had reached an emotional low.

Our best, and thanks,

November 2, 1970

Dearest Lil and Harold:

Well, the doctors called us Saturday afternoon from Fort Ord. We finally know what has been wrong with Jimmy. He has had (and still has) pneumonia in both lungs. They took him back to the hospital for the third time a week ago yesterday and they had him in intensive care and on the critical list for the first three days but they say he is pulling out of it quite well and they think this time they will have on the O.K. list when they finally release him. They say he will be in the hospital for a while yet but it is a great relief to finally know what the trouble is. This thing of just knowing he is very ill and not knowing was driving us crazy. His commanding officer and a negro Major have been visiting him all week. Buck was rather surprised at this. We talked to Jimmy yesterday morning. He said the officers wanted to know if there was anything they could do for him or if there was anything he wanted that he didn't have. He said he didn't tell them what he really wanted--to come home.

I am enclosing the copy of your suit which Gary sent to me. I made myself a copy. It is a very good answer... I hope it does the work.

Harold, I asked Arch to help me to get a chronology up (using my books and his) for the period in 1962. I'll send it along in a few days. I'll also dig through my things for the few Ferrie things I have and send those. I'm afraid those are probably things you already have but I'll send them...

Buck went back to work this morning. He is in much better shape after hearing definitely about Jimmy Lee. He will be working in Fort Worth and it will be about a 35 mile drive every morning and afternoon but it will do him good working again. After we talked to the doctors Saturday, Buck called the Chryler man at home and told him he could take another assignment. They called him right back and assigned him to Freeway Dodge in Fort Worth.

Carol Anne is in New York this week. She left last Thursday afternoon. We have the grandchildren. We really love them and enjoy having them around but I don't recommend having youngsters over Halloween!!! Buck had to go Trick-or-Treating with them while I stayed home to hand out the goodies for the Tricksters who knocked at our door.

My boss is calling me...

Love,

*Mary*