

6/14/71

Dear Harry,

Some of what you report in your 6/10 did not reach me, some did, so maybe I was wrong in thinking it had been a long time since I'd heard from you. I don't now recall what I said. The letter mentioning Roffman arrived when he was here. I never got the letter about the planned operation on Buck nor that saying they couldn't because of his elevated bloodpressure. Runsgardner, yes.

Lil is getting along rather well. She is awkward of crutches, does better on one when she can use but one, but I'm concerned about her falling again more than about her recovery, which ought require little more than time and too much of that. But, considering everything, we are lucky she broke nothing. It is her bad knee. She's had other trouble with it for years.

Paul is still working, and well, I think a bit chastened and withdrawn over the reaction to his salary. It seems not to have impaired our relationship, however.

I'll send a copy of the appendix to PH when I can get time to make the package. This is a bad week. In court tomorrow (something/pix suit, pro se), Lil to doctors Thursday, insurance people (fire at our old place) Friday, and a coronial get together in my family on 50 miles away Saturday, first recreation in some time.

Gary is deep in his work, nights free clinic. I hear from him, but little. He is to speak to the bar very soon and then is off on a professional thing that will take him to San Francisco later in the month.

When you are here we can give you more books, except O in NO. I have a deal with a guy to make me a master of that. It is out of print. Don Christian has several thousand copies in SF but refuses to return them and has never paid for any.

By the time your grandchildren "turn out", perhaps it will be good to be in the FBI or CIA. Let us hope the world changes.

Did Henry Wade get re-elected?

Best to you all.

Sincerely,

June 10, 1971

Dearest Lil and Harold:

I was terribly distressed to learn of Lil's mishap. I do so hope she is recovering and will have no after-effects...

I was also distressed by your saying "by your silence". Harold, I have written you three times lately and have had no indication that you received the letters... I am sure I had them addressed properly. I tried last night to find my copies of the letters and if you still haven't received them, I will make a decided effort to locate them and send you Xerox copies. There was nothing of any great importance in any of them but I don't like to feel that anything is being mis-directed... I ~~am~~ can't remember what was in them but I know in one of them I asked you to ask your friend Howard Roffman to let me buy a copy of his book when it is available in any form. I wrote in one that they are going to operate on Buck and I was going to Memphis to be there for the operation. In another, I wrote that I had been to Memphis but they weren't able to operate because his blood-pressure was too high. In one of these three I gave you a bit of observation about Edward Baumgardner in CD 1025 and his address. I can't remember which letter.

Harold I do want the copy of the appendix to Post Mortem. However, I want to pay you for any expense it involves. Let me know how much it will be and I'll send the money immediately.

Thank you for sharing the letter to Harris. I have forwarded it on to Paul Hoch. We haven't heard from Paul in a long time. I hope he is still applying his many talents to "the work."

What do you hear from Gary Schoener? I wrote him a letter when I forwarded something you wanted me to send on to him... We haven't heard from him in a long time, either. Gary is one of my favorite people in the world. I know he is working very hard with young people and the drug problem. I can't think of anyone more capable and more inspiring to tackle such a problem.

I had an interesting visitor the other night. A young man who graduated from Yale University and is trying to do graduate work at S.M.U. came through Dallas for an interview and stopped by my house. He is a history teacher and has always been interested in political assassinations. He was so interested and, apparently, so sincere, that I gave him copies of all the Whitewash books (except Photographic Whitewash - I only have one copy of that), Frame-up, all of Penn's books, and several others that I had a number of extra copies of, including Oswald in N.O. I also loaned him three books to read and return--books where I only have two or three copies of and don't want to get any lower on. I have tried to keep one copy of everything in "mint" condition for my grandchildren. Of course, this may all be in vain. They may turn out to be F.B.I. or CIA and turn out to be part of the vast whitewashes and frame-ups!!!
Love to you both,

Mary