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Dear Mary,

We'd heard from time to time how ill Buck is but never what his illnesses were. He's a tough one. Hope the pain is not too much. Of course you both are ^{tough!}

I'm glad Paul got there yesterday. I know he looked forward to it. He is one of a number of fine people I've never met that I regard as dear friends. He has been helpful to me.

Rookstool and I never met. He'd asked about stopping off, I invited him and he neither came nor told me he was with the FBI. It was when he sent me a picture Fred Newcomb took in his back yard that I looked at his address for the first time. My mail is heavy and often I type the addresses automatically. I do not recall who told me about his ^{no} lover being with the FBI and planning to sue it but for sending him into so dangerous a situation so unprepared they should be sued.

His calls and letters were very flattering and I do recall that he said he'd just taken a degree in history.

Livingstone boasted of all the help from him, too. Reminds me I had a call from an AP reporter ... At this point ^{point} an old friend who'd been with UPI phoned. I had believed that the story was for the anniversary but it is on Livingstone. I'd refused to talk to him about Livingstone. He'd just gotten the AP story and he phoned to tell me about it. He did say I refused to talk about L. The rest we'll see but I take it the story is not a puff piece on him.

I've not gotten his High Trash 4 but months ago Lonnie Hudkind's paper had been sent proofs. He read them and phoned me. Not much about me in it this time, I understand.

I keep working getting things on paper and considering how frail I've been I've been able to do much. I doubt any of it will be published. I've just been trying to make as much of a record as I can for our history.

I hope you and Paul enjoy your ^{visit} letter, that you and Buck can continue to be as good as it possible for you and that there is something for which we can be thankful day after tomorrow, which will be early enough for me to think about that.

Our love,

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11/22. I wrote you as soon as I got the mail after returning from one of the four trips each year I'm driven to the Johns Hopkins Hospital in Baltimore for checks. Oddly the trip itself tires me much. I believe it is because I sit for that time and cannot get up and walk around. And the day before I was more tired than I can recall. Doing about a sixth of what I'd been doing in physical therapy was suddenly ^{my} that much too much.. After writing you I did the rest of the mail and then to bed. Just up I'm still a bit tired. But what you said about what would be easier for Buck and in some ways for ~~me~~ you, if a heart ~~is~~ attack takes him, is true and has been on my mind for years. I hate to think of what you've been going through ^{and Buck,} and hate that for Lil. Who has not yet decided on the hip replacement recommended to her several months ago, (What give me my present ^{added} problems is also hip, something new to me.)

I've never had a heart attack but have some heart problem the ⁺ nature of which the doctors have kept from me. After my 1989 heart operation the family doctor told me he'd expected me to lose my legs ten years earlier and that the cardiologist had not expected me to survive the heart operation. Once I began weakening after the ~~heart~~ heart operation, which is when I decided that with the time that remains for me I'd try to make the record I can for our history, my thinking was exactly like yours. It is best for all if it happens that way, suddenly.

Maryland now has a law that enables [/] people to say they do not want to be kept alive by artificial means. It requires a state form our doctor cannot provide although they are all supposed to provide them. I want that and if I were more mobile I'd have it executed.

Especially after your own not inconsiderable trouble this has to have been extraordinarily hard on you. as it was on my sister with my mother, for five years. And for my mother with her mother for a little less than that.

I have some understanding and appreciation of what such things mean for survivors and for the care-givers.

Thinking more on my Rockstool source, perhaps it was Gary ⁺ Mack. If not he might know.

Best,
Heard

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Mr. and Mrs. Harold Weisberg
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Dearest Harold and Lil,

Paul Haller is to arrive Monday, November 20th. I had planned to move Buck down to the hotel with me and get a small suite where I could keep an eye on him in the bedroom and Paul and I (and any other interested researchers) could gather in the sitting room and discuss the case. But, Buck is now having one heart attack after another. I just keep running with the nitro glycerin "patches" for his chest. They ease the pain and he can breath again. Actually, if he goes from a heart attack that will be quick in comparison to what he is facing. The doctors tell us that now the cancer is all through his body.

I was a bit surprised by your last letter. Farris had never told me that the FBI fired him. And, I had no idea that he is suing them. I do know that Jeanne deMohrenschildt's daughter, Chrissa, is suing Farris. Farris met Jeanne here in my house a number of years ago. She screamed at him and was just terrible because he was FBI. And then -- when it happened, I do not know -- they got so close that she made a new will and left him everything she had, even her wedding ring and George's wedding ring. Chrissa is suing him to get things of her mother's that she claims really belonged to her. Now, Farris hasn't told me any of this but I heard it from California.

I thought Farris quit the Bureau because of the Waco mess. You know they sent him in there to "clean up" with no health protection except little paper masks. A number of the FBI men who were with Farris contacted tuberculosis while there. Apparently, there was every known disease there (and some nobody ever heard of). I do remember that Farris was tapped on the wrist because of a remark he made to a reporter after the Railey trial in San Antonio. The reporter asked him what he thought about the possibility that the FBI or CIA had been involved in the Kennedy assassination. Farris remarked that there was nobody in the government with sense enough to plan and execute anything like an assassination. The reporter printed it and they almost fired Farris over that. But, I thought everything was patched up. Where did you hear that they fired him?

Love,

