

12/5/72

Dear Mary,

After a spell of bad weather, we've had a couple of spring-like days. 60s. I spent four hours this afternoon as a machetero, which I'm not, and I feel it. After supper I finished some notes I'd been working on and then, physically tired, aching a bit, not feeling like reading, I just went and sat in the old chair the springs of which Mary knocked loose, next to Hil. She was taking a sweater she'd finished in sections apart, having done something backward last night.

"I wish Mary would come," she said. I said nothing. "I'd like to see her". I said probably you couldn't. She said she knew, but she'd like it anyway.

So, we do think of you, would like to see you, and don't expect to Xmas time. You are too attached to your family for that. And you've sacrificed too much for all of them.

However, the invitation still stands. Lil starts work 1/2 and I'm not in the middle of any writing. I've one more thing I've promised to do on the Kay case and I hope to get on it soon after Jim gets back from Asheville. He and Bud are going there early Monday, to file the habeas corpus. What a corpus! about 100 pages plus many more of exhibits.

We've finally got the lawyer moving on our damage suit, and that has taken time and will, but not real rush stuff for a while. The lawyer set it for trial without preparing it, for 12/20. My reaction - you know them - seems to have made the difference. He is working now, getting it ready for later trial.

What I'd like to do as soon as I get what he wants done for him is get back to writing some of what I've researched. There will be less time, taking Hil to and from work daily, but I think there will be some time. This reminds me: after the Xmas mail rush is over I'd appreciate it if you'd return the file you still have. I've never read it and I want to see what there is in it I may want to pursue.

Things have been kind of quiet. Just about everybody - everybody who has said anything - seems pretty upset about Cyril's excesses. Even Bob Smith.

I got Garrison's nine-page press release styled an answer to the Supreme Court. If he didn't send it to you, it is a collector's item. Mine came with Ivan's return address, no name. When a press release is that secret, what isn't?

Shaw issued a statement. It is much more interesting. I recommend it to you. It was in the States-Item and, I presume, although I didn't see it, the Times-Pic.

Hope you are coming out from under. What you've gone through is a very heavy dose. Hope all the others are coming along well, even if you are still mad at them. People are what they are and what life makes them, Mary, not evil or ill-intentioned per se. Yours are also human. So, I do hope things have improved in all ways.

Our best,