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Dear Joan,

Glad to know that what you suffer is less than the attack of
hijacknosis I'd once feared, plus quaking knees. The seasonal onslaught of
respiratory infections seems early and more widespread. I'm coming out of a
very rare one (I never have them), diagnosed, ultimately and late, as a
bronchial infection. Walter is home with one today, and others with whom I
deal, including in NYC, have or had something.

Fascinating that Dell sent you the statement on II but not on I.
If some timepasses and we don't get it, please ask. His own, which includes
what I believe without checking are errors, can thereby be helpful sometimes.
They are so crooked they can't keep themselves straight. I'll be writing Bair
again soon and sending you that letter and his slickie. I've been busy. Got
up 4:30 to complete reviewing first instalment FRAMEUP: The King/Ray case,
edited-down and added-to COUP II. It may still run 600 or more printed pages.
For no mention, the principal character is writing a commentary for me, with-
out pay, the one stipulation of its use. I'll add that somewhere, my SOP
with which you are familiar -if only after the appendix. If it is late
enough -and good enough - after the index, as I once did, as you may recall.

The editor is a great guy, really, with an endless supply of
needless i's for dotting, t's for crossing and redundancies for what to
him is specification. It is somewhat sterilizing and exasperating, but he
is, no joke, a fine fellow. I bet he'd turn out the best German dictionaries
ever, or the most unequivocal math texts. And more slowly than possible.
But once he got started, he was fast. He must have worked quit hard. None-
theless, and they kept their schedule, the book would have been out now.

Tell your AP friend there is no more noble soul in Britain than
Gordon. And he does work hard and persistently. I have to find time to
write him, too.

How are we? Popped, broke but plugging along. I've gotten real
weary and find myself wondering whether all or much is psychosomatic, for I've
been forcing myself to rest so much I can now sleep until after daylight sometime
times. I usually still get up, but I go right back to sleep, too. Unless,
like today, I do not want to.

Speaking of being ro bed, I think if I lived in a big city, I'd
pay the slight tariff for travellers checks and use a single charge card most
of the time. There you can phone the cancellation immediately, if it is stolen.
-ore you didn't lose much. (In the Army, I wore a money belt and slept with
it on after once not and having it disappear from under my pillow.) Or, pay
for whatever you can with check. You actually make a slight profit with the
charge card, for you have the use of that money for about 60 days after you
spend it....Best to you all.