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Dear Howard,

With different room numbers on the envelopes and stationery, I'm taking no chances with the mail carriers.

Thanks, I've written Mackenzie (who was to have come up here when he was east but we've never met), I no longer need the address of Christie, which I've gotten, and in looking at your letterhead I got a longshot idea. Would you please give me Carl Bernstein's address. I'd like to write him. Just before he left ABC, when I was in Georgetown, recovering from surgery, as I recall, his secretary or administrative assistant told me he planned to be in touch. He was then bureau chief and it never happened because suddenly he wasn't bureau chief any more. And by the most remarkable of coincidences, his woman who spoke to me on the phone had been the administrative assistant to my surgeon.

Carl's parents were friends of ours and although he probably doesn't recall it, I knew him when he was a kid. But what he will remember is that I helped him and Woodward when they were on the Watergate story, including with what they or more likely the Post wouldn't use. There remain untold Watergate stories that will now probably never be told. This includes more crime and a good possibility of the CIA's indirect involvement in the Mexican laundry. And untold Howard Hunt stories. I'd been asked to do a Watergate book by two different German publishers both of whom changed their minds and I thus had done some work.

I know that Carl did live on Ontario Road but I've no D.C. phone book and the telephone company no longer has the local office where they had a good collection of directories. A recent column in the Baltimore Sun seems to say that he is in New York but it is not explicit.

Egerton phoned again this weekend. He postponed his visit to Ray until tomorrow. He'll be back in touch then or afterward. I believe that he is not likely to come up with anything unusual about Ray's treatment in jail, his focus, but on that I've helped him as much as I can. And I've tried to give him an understanding of Jimmy and the other Rays, all of whom I know well.

I notice that Seymour Hersh is on your advisory board. If he runs into any legal problems with CIA "national security" claims I may be able to help him and/or his lawyers, with court records and perhaps in questioning any CIA witnesses who specialize in providing such testimony.

If you referred to my medical setback, thanks for your good wishes but it is not possible to undo thrombosis. I do try to cope and minimize the effects and take medication to deter more of them but nothing else can be done.

Best,

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DEar Harold:

Thanks for your letter.

The only person I ^W think of ^{W Ho} ~~you~~ might be interested in reporting your continuing contest is Angus Mackenzie. He specializes in First Amendment issues, and has been involved in his own litigation against the government for harassing the so-called underground press.

He is at the Center for Investigative Reporting, 54 Mint St., 4th Floor, San Francisco, CA 94103. 415/543-1200.

I don't know what will come of John Egerton's exploration with Ray. But John is a serious and able writer who is unlikely to try to make bricks without straw.

I hope you will quickly overcome your latest setback.

Best,

