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Dear Gerry,

I'd attributed your long silence to your being busy with your classes and then when we had a few problem, now passed, did not stop to think about how long you were silent.

How tragic it is that this serious form of cancer strikes your mother-in-law so soon after her husband was able to join her! We had something similar when my youngest uncle died from TB after he also was free. (Tells you how much some areas of medicine have improved, doesn't it?)

It is good that Hanj-Frang is able to be with her and provide some comfort.

I guess all that can be done is to hope against hope. We do with you.

In the spring, when my less damaged leg got quite weak and the family doctor attributed it to arthritis and said nothing could be done I saw an orthopaedic surgeon and he diagnosed spinal stenosis with bone spurs, confirmed by X-ray. He referred me to a physical therapist who was both excellent and a fine person and without medication I was aware of improvement in a couple of weeks. Meanwhile, Edl was having increasing trouble just moving around and was in almost constant pain, first needing a cane, then a walker, and then a wheelchair. She'd been told by the family doctor that she has arthritis from her toes to her neck and when she saw him he said again that nothing could be done. She took the same path I did with the same but in her case even more spectacular benefit. We learned that the radiologist had given the family doctor a wildly wrong X-ray report, that she also has spinal stenosis, and in a couple of weeks the physical therapist had her out of the wheelchair and walking <sup>soon</sup> as well as she did several years ago and without pain. I omit other details because I intend for you to learn from our experience and when you do not trust one doctor's opinion consult another. I wish I'd done that when arterial surgery was first suggested. I then did not know of angioplasty and there were two serious complications to that surgery, one almost fatal and both quite limiting.

If you have not heard from Dave lately, Elaine looks like she was never sick and Elizabeth and David are doing remarkably well. David had such a fantastic score on his med school test he has been invited to a number of interviews by some of the very best schools. Dave is into so much I do not see how he does it.

You are correct about Specter. I hope that Selby will be able to produce another documentary and do Specter justice. What Wofford just did is remarkable and with Specter's wretched performance with Hill perhaps he'll be rejected by the voters.

My typing is worse because the fingertips are split. Sorry. How for an update on Oliver Stone.

I think I sent you a copy of George Gardner's story. You may remember that when I

learned that he was basing his movie on Garrison's book under date of 2/8/92 I informed him accurately and in detail ~~xxx~~ about how fraudulent that book is. He did not respond, I got a copy of the script, gave it and much other information to Gardner, and that began a series of exposes in large papers and magazines, the latter still continuing. In Esquire this month, LIFE next, The Texas Monthly in a couple of weeks, Playboy, or perhaps Penthouse, including in its German edition, etc. I think there will be more.

That indecent commercializer and exploiter, for all his Oscars, will never forget me I'm sure and all those who fund his movies will be asking questions they have not asked because of his success and the money that made them.

Two weeks ago there were stories about how tight a schedule he has, working seven days around the clock, to be able to have a print for the awards deadline, 12/15, and to have 800 in movie houses for the 12/20 opening

Then lo! last Thursday there was the enclosed item in the Post! He had to take at least four of those precious days for this P.R. campaign. Whether or not it ~~was intended~~ ~~was intended~~ it was intended to generate stories, I know of none.

The truth about his project is getting around and if not before, not long after it is out the truth will be even better known.

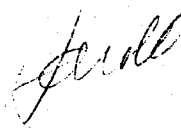
We had no problems for those hurricanes, although the damage from one extended to not far away, thanks.

I've used this paper for a purpose. We found the long-lost xerox master of Oswald in New Orleans, the form in which I made it available when it was out of print. When we took it to our xeroxer he tested to see how what he thought the worst page would come out. Almost all is quite clear and we're making xerox copies available again, two pages per one side of ~~12~~ 8 1/2 x 11 sheets, durable binding, protective plastic cover.

Jerry is staying so busy with school he has not been able to do much on his Pocom book. It is mostly completed. He and Barb are fine and her mother is making out OK. At 85.

The new Hood library is just about complete. They'll be moving in between semesters. When they have the formal affair the Librarian of Congress will be the main speaker. It looks fine from the outside.

With best wishes to you all,



Dear Harold,

Nov. 3, 1991

Sorry I have not been in touch for a while. The usual demands of teaching have been exacerbated by a tragedy in the family. Hanh-Trang's mother has developed cancer again. We found out last week that it is cancer of the pancreas, which is one of the more deadly forms. Hanh-Trang is now out in California; she is able to stay with her mother in her hospital room and provide some comfort. I have been attending to Claire and Nicholas. It is quite possible we may all go out there in a few weeks, if her mother feels up to having visitors.

Tomorrow I will be traveling to a local high school to talk to some high school history teachers about the Kennedy assassination. I have been reviewing Post Mortem and was reminded of the despicable record of Mr. Arlen Specter who recently "showed his stuff" in the Clarence Thomas-Anita Hill fiasco. It would do my heart good to Specter exposed for the wonderful public service he did as a member of the Warren Commission staff. I know you tried, but perhaps I will get around to sending his office a reminder that at least some people have not forgotten.

I hope you and Lillian are well and that you did not experience too many problems with the two hurricanes that have travelled up the East Coast this season. I will be in touch.

Best Wishes,

*Gerry*