

~~Revised~~ 4/10/76

Dear Pearl,

Intermittently I'd wondered about you. It was some long since you said you were going back to Mexico.

There is an ambiguity following reference to your children, "and their mother is waiting for something exciting to happen." If it is to the mother, can't be too soon. If to the children, it can happen too soon. If to Mexico and the rest of the world, let's hope not.

The apathy is not restricted to there and it is not a good sign.

I can't begin to update you because that would take several books.

Last April-May I had what was diagnosed as pneumonia and then that with pleurisy. I threw it well and fast but it was followed by, whether or not causative in, what was a very heavy phlebitis before the doctor paid attention. By then, as he has not yet told me, I'd lost the entire main vein in the leg and had less but also permanent damage in the right one.

However, I get along pretty well, if with minor discomforts and some limitations, the current ones including the extra care required by anti-coagulants. That is to end in five days. Five days after that I won't have to worry as much about a cut. I bruise very easily now and cut my hands enough to bleed without even feeling it when it happens. Twice yesterday but these are quite minor.

It has not prevented me from doing my thing. While I try to avoid it I put in a 21-plus hour day yesterday, travel when and where I must (only no longer drive to Washington and move around when I fly and use trains and bus), make speeches and file suits. I have three current ones in federal court and the pressures plus what I get account for much of what you refer to as new.

I also keep writing. I've almost finished the rough draft of a new book on the King assassination. I mean new information and on King nor Ray.

I think that what you refer to as Hinckle's new book is not new here. I didn't buy it but the excerpting and collateral puff pieces are quite dishonest.

Lil is tired but okay. She'll get to rest some after the 16th, which marks the end of her/our only regular work. She manages a Bloch tax office. She works there and at home pretty constantly and for very long hours during that season.

I still have an interest in the building on the Plaza de la Reforma that holds an office of the Banco Internacional. Are there such things as city directories and zeroes there and if so could you xerox the listing for that building for the period beginning with the book that has 1969 and going through 1973 (or 1974 if there they did what is now done here, bring them out every other year)? If there is no such thing (libraries here have them) are there files of old phone books going back that far?

The to me more beautiful time of the year is starting. We have flowers in bloom, if we also have an occasional frost. Little snow this past winter. We had an exceptionally warm February, which probably hurried things. The dogwoods are swelling to burst prolifically, the fruit have bloomed or are beginning to, the forsythia is about past, and spring is about here. Officially it has been. The grass is already green and in need of cutting....We hope your life is good and that it stays that way. Best,

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Dear Harold,

It's been a long time - and I would like to catch up with what you're doing.

I saw an article a few months ago about your remarks on the Kennedy case - you must be fuming that so much is coming out now - also - do you think the Castro connection is deliberate because of his African policy?

I've been back in Mexico now almost a year - had a radio program for a while with a friend. It was supposed to be a talk show, provoking people into thinking about the issues of our time, current future shock, etc., but it evolved to becoming a daily courtroom scene with me on trial for being so aware, contrary and concerned in an overseas John Birch Society. Very unhealthy - will tell you about it one day.

For daily tortillas, working on a tourist magazine - very uninspirational - have a feeling, as do many in Mexico, there is a calm that is too calm in the air - and it could be before a storm. But I suppose the feeling is rampant on a world-wide basis what with all of us caught in the eye of the ~~xxxx~~ hurricane of change.

My daughter is in school at the University of Puget Sound - that's in Washington! My son is somewhere in California (a state we should make excuses for) - and their mother seems to be waiting for something exciting to happen.

I don't remember what I told you about the law and I and Kaplan - but nevertheless, I tried - and to no avail. So there's a time to quit and I did. I do remember your telling me once what a time you had in such matters.

What's keeping you hopping these days?

Best,



Pearl Gonzalez

Hello to Lil. Is she still making those grapefruit feeders for the birds? Charming idea!

Do you know Warren Hinckle's got a new book out Ann Landers-ly titled "If You Have a Lemon Make a Lemonade!"