

Sorry to hear of your two heart attacks but glad that you have survived them and plan for a future more congenial to them. I've only recently returned from a month in the hospital. First there was an operation to give me a plastic artery in the left thigh. It was quite successful but was followed first by further venous thrombosis and then, the day I left the hospital, by blood clots breaking loose and settling in the leg and foot. Those in the leg were removed in a second operation and I'm combatting those in the foot as best I can. I'm rather limited in what I can do and can't walk very far. Otherwise I feel OK and continue to work as I've worked only not as intensively.

I don't know how you can sell all that Kennedy material you'll be having to sell. There may be US collectors or buffs who would like it. Might try Bud Fensterwald and Mary Ferrell and they can get the word around.

If it turns out that you can't sell it, the best repository is where my records are going, to the University of Wisconsin at Stevens Point, under Dr. David Wrone. By the way, his ambitious bibliography has been published by Greenwood Press, in Connecticut. I don't know what provision, if any, they have for foreign sales. It is a scholarly publisher, if any of your friends are interested. The university can't pay for it but they can give it a permanent home where most of the records are going to be, as part of the same archive.

Wrone is a responsible person and has the best knowledge of the subject of any of the academicians.

There has not been any major development in any of my FOIA cases except that the FBI has revoked the fee waiver and thus gives me more troubles and more fights to fight.

I hope you can dispose of the kennel and the dogs favorably.

While I was in the hospital I began reading for pleasure again. Two of the books I loved are British, James Herriot's All Things Bright and Beautiful and All Things Great and Small.

I was even loaned two British spy novels and enjoyed them, too. But my real love is these warm animal stories. I'll be trying to get Herriot's third, of which I've heard.

I suppose the British press also has given attention recently to Gloria Swanson's confessions, involving Joe Kennedy. I'm reminded of this by your mention of his life of the 1920s. She's been on TV and there has been some letter writing about the taste of such writing while Mrs. Kennedy is still alive.

I've heard nothing recently about the supposed re-investigation by the Department of Justice. I'm sure they'll stall all they can and then avoid all they can. There is an unconfirmed report that the scientists confirm the tape analysis at least in part.

I've not heard anything new about Blakey's book. Lifton's is due this winter. I'll be surprised if the publisher doesn't push it now, after the initial publicity, that it is the be-all and end-all. With such enormous secrets they can't let any review copies out until the book is on sale. Rare, to say the least. But I have no knowledge of the book itself.

My closest neighbor, who is a year older than I am, had a serious heart attack about 8 years ago. He also has three angina blockages. But he is like an ox and does for me what I'm not able to do myself. Takes down the trees, which I can then saw up (past tense because I'm not even walking much right now), and splits what he thinks I may not be able to handle of the larger logs. His heart attack may have lengthened his life. He certainly does much more and better than anyone else I know who is 69. So don't be intimidated by what happened to you and you'll make out fine after you adjust to the new kind of life it requires.

Excuse the typos. Ed now has extra things to do, so I'm responding for her.

Our best,