

September 28, 1999

Dear Harold,

I write to you this time on my rainbow stationery hoping it might bring some luck (pot'o gold) to our situations. I almost wrote "problems, but, I have long been aware of how you handle problems!! My immediate problem is that the Lancer people are not sending out any 1999 material until the end of the month (Sept). I contacted them and they said all the data was in their publications and on the website. This means all the rooms are gone and that they get many "hits" on the web and increased circulation for their mags!! There are people who will not attend any Lancer stuff - this was a skip year for me except I must do some research and it's the old birds and stone thing!!! I hear in Minnesota Debra Conway chewed out Jack White and John Armstrong in front of the assembly - I don't have the details but it is uncalled for!!

I was a witness to and experienced a major watershed in U.S. (perhaps the world's) history; it was really a three part event!!! 1.) I arrived in Korea in April (late) 1954). In fact, some of our guys were tapped for extra MP duty for May Day in Japan!! I got there when the Korean War was becoming the Korean Truce and the Forgotten War which was being pushed so far into the background that it could never appear at History's curtain call!! 2.) I was a draftee assigned to the Air Force and wound up at Seoul City which was K55 to the fly boys. In early June, the planes were arriving from all over the Far East and were wingtip-to-wingtip on the base. We questioned what was up and were told the President was considering going into IndoChina to take over for the French who were just clobbered at Dien Bieb Phu. What luck, we all mused, we went with the roll of the dice and got a Truce and now potential combat!!!! But, the planes started to leave and we were told, "He changed his mind!!!!" Some kind of IndoChina policy must have been cut at that time by the government!! 3.) I was one of the last GIs who haggled a deal in the old Ginza and I saw Japan emerge from a 19 1/2 century nation into a true 20th Century powerhouse!!! In supplying first the Korean war and then Viet Nam, Japan virtually became the 51st state!!! I know-I was there through it all!!!!

As I unshelve my meager library, I am taking time to analyze all the marked, turned-down and underlined pages. Slow going that way!! I find most fascinating your POST MORTEM especially when one reads it page-by-page and word-for-word. And so soon on the heels of the WR!!! It is amazing (really??) how such honorable men could do this lemming thing (somebody must have scared the hell out of them!!!).

I don't like the way Lancer is chasing money at the expense of the Dealy tragedy. Probably won't attend again except maybe to see Mary. But, then I can do that when I go to visit my little Mexican girl in San Antonio. I could not attend her first communion in Mexico City last July, but, she did get her gift!!!

Best of everything to you and Lil and my thoughts, etc., are with you!!

Paul H.

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In POST MORTEM you seem to be walking against the waterfall (AND GAINING!):