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Dear Harold,

I thought I would answer your letters from my place in Wargate but I had too many levels of packing to do and deferred to my son's place in Brandon. That didn't work either since I have a new (first) grandchild a boy I call Peeko since he operates in pico seconds!!! So I am writing to you from my sister's place in Minnesota. First I have to get the old Smith Corona back in shape since her grandkids have all been at it and it is no way the way I left it last year!!!

First, I did not question Frazier's veracity in that his poly is missing - I only wanted to point out that the ARRB was quick to answer my Buell request but never made a peep about my four requests for the Parkland form. Mary Ferrell, too, asked for the hospital document. I will check with her at Lancer98.

I am very sorry to hear about Lil's misfortune. My late brother fell and broke his hip - on the leg he had amputated. Cost the feds over 1/2-million bucks when \$100 a week could have prevented it all!!! An insurance popsie against doctor's advice had him out of the hospital in 3 days after the amputation because different insurance kicks in after that. Also therapy began instantly even though the stump had not healed!! Again, insurance rules. Drove the docs nuts, but, money talks! He finally succumbed to pneumonia which accompanies bedtime. The broken hip seems to go with the cane!!

Anyway, I do wish you both the best under the circumstances.

I am still smarting due to being suckered into buying an advance copy of SILENT NO MORE at a discount (\$30 vs 35)!! The book provides NO material to the general pool of Knowledge!! It read like a school yearbook with the seniors reciting their pet peeves. Before very much reading, I felt I was belly button-deep in shoulder chips or perhaps ground axes. It proved any collector/gatherer could addumulate the gripes of some 50 or so eye or ear witnesses who were any where near the Plaza during those ten seconds and create 400 or 500 pages of text. It was well epitomized by one chapter which I cannot detail now since I do not have the "book" with me. But, one chapter is by a DPD official who is listed as an investigator and in his own words says, by nature he is not a detail person. Investigator/non-detail???? Is that an oxymoron??? But, that sums up the "book." I was very interested in the words of Vince Drain who wrote he handled the alleged murder weapon for quite awhile and even packed it for shipment to D.C. During all of this time he had no inkling of who was the manufacturer, where it was made, or the model or caliber!!! At one of the JFK conferences, a vendor had a Carcano there, probably for sale. I hefted it and noted immediately that stamped into the top of the barrel were the words, "Made in Italy." Now, Drain is a professional and I am the rankest of amateurs. I hate firearms to the extent that I nearly retch at the sight of one!! In a proper court, with the rifle being passed around to the jurists, it would take less than 10 seconds to conclude that professional Drain did not handle a Carcano!!! How else could one conclude??? That implies that the rifle, hulls and slugs were ALL planted to implicate the patsy!!!! I have not taken the time to research how many manufacturers market their rifles with clean, clear, unmarked barrels!! I would bet Mauser is one of them!!! No one can handle the rifle at all without having the "Made in Italy" hitting you right in the face!!! It is all in Vince's own words. His uninfluenced chapter!!! And he didn't have a clue!!!!

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Honest Frazier self shoots case from west of TSB

Well, the Redsox couldn't make it over hurdle One again!! I'd be the first to say, "They miss Ted Williams!" Anyway, even with the demise of the Sox, 1998 was a baseball year. The homerun thing was quite an affair. In it all, old Joe Hauser's record of 66 minor league homers' was hardly mentioned. A real oddity was a guy named Lou Limmer who some 40 years ago lead the Old American Association with 33 homers all hit on the road - none (zero) at home and no wonder, he as a lefty first ~~baseman~~ baseman for the old St. Paul Saints and the right field foul line was 5:510 feet away from the plate and tapered sharply to center. Instead of a warning track there was an embankment. It was a pleasure to watch rightfielders shag down and catch flyballs that would have been homers in any other park!! Anyway, Lou could not homer at home in old Lexington Park. The Minneapolis Miller park, Nicolett Park was the opposite - one foul line was 303 feet and I think the other was 298. Willie Mays spent time there as the Saints had Duke Snider, Roy Campanella and Clem Labine. St. Paul played a courtesy game with the Stillwater state pen inmates once a year with the inmates making up the crowd. Once the banner headline in the prison paper read, "10,000 sinners await the Coming of the Saints." The Saints are now part of the Northern League and play baseball as it was meant to be. On grass and you can get a haircut and/or massage during the game. The new balls are brought to the ump via the mascot, a hog named, "Saint, ThePig." He starts the season as a shoat and ends up in the fall as a several-hundred-pounder. It is butchered and fed to the crowd in various and appropriate manners. The Saints gave Harry Strawberry another chance and eventually sold his contract to the Yankees. For the life of me, I cannot remember the eighth team in the old American Association. Naturally there St. Paul, Minneapolis, Milwaukee, Kansas City, Columbus, Toledo, Louisville and??

Again, I hope so very much that you and Lil are doing better and get on with things.

I will spend until November 17 in Minnesota and then on to the Lancer98 conference which is (unbelievable) 35 years since Dealy. I will try again to post my Camelot parody and try to prevent it from being take Hope to succeed this year. I will remember Mary, Hal and others for you - I still have to make up Mary's second century award. I do have along two pond jars of grapefruit/cherry jelly that she likes so much!!! I did forget my pickle for the boneless pork rib sandwich in Chicago. It was also delicious without pickle but so much better with;:: The manager remembered me. Next is to carry off my plans for my little Mexican senorita and princess in San Antonio!!

My very best regards and wishes for both of you,

Paul H.

Excuse typing - Keyboards are all different, Kids have really screwed up machine. Kids love ♥ typewriters!!!

Comedian, Bill Murray owns much stock in Saints!!

