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7/3/00

Dear Matt,

It was both thoughtful and helpful to send me dupes of those parts of your file you gave Joan Mellen. Many thanks! I saw <sup>names</sup> names I'd forgotten and some I still do not remember. She'll be here before long.

I like your business name! (Druginal and very suggestive. Hope you are flourish, albeit on crutches.

We've been on walkers for four or five years and while I've avoided any major bone breakings, Lil broke two hips, the second when she was dropped in the hospital. Which has yet to <sup>express</sup> express even regrets. That fall also put blood on her brain and while the surgery was successful it did not prevent the damage to the mind. So, I'm a nursemaid at 87 and more feeble than I'd imagined I would ever get. My increased feebleness is from what I'd never imagined anyone in any way connected with medicine would pull. I got pneumonia, recovered well for my years, then was sent to both a nursing home and a (forever) place for cleansing the blood to eliminate what at least in belief the kidneys were no longer getting out. That is three <sup>full</sup> mornings a week, when I have to have someone here with Lil when I cannot be. Well, for what was not necessary to begin with, confining me in a so-called nursing home which, like the hospital ignored infections on both legs and feet, I was kept pretty inactive for more than three months. My heart, circulation and legs have ~~not~~ recovered and if I read the silences of my doctors, ~~they~~ they do not expect them to.

Until this, despite all, I was productive. I've not kept a list of them but there are more than 30 book-length manuscripts that will be a record for history. Friends have done the retyping and copies are with profs at four colleges and univ's.

When my records that were in the basement, this ~~place~~ place having been burglarized twice while Lil and I were hospitalized and in nursing homes, the college used a commercial mover and it used two vans. There were about 350,000 government pages and well more than 100,000 of my own work. Can't be used until the space is ready for it, which will be some time.

Great that you are all doing so well. Other than on skis. Thanks for taking the time. Hope you can from time to time.

Thanks and best to you all,

*Ferdie*



TAKE STOCK IMAGES OF CHANGE

6/31/00

Dear Harold -

I finally got the correspondence duplicated and mailed to Joan Mellen. I made an extra set for you so that you would know what she had, and so that you could discuss specific passages if necessary.

Hope you are doing well. I'm into month five of my skiing fracture — still on crutches but healing nicely. Jeannine's up to her ears as usual — moving to new office space after 12 yrs. Messine job, but nice quarters. She's doubled the size of her operation in the last six months.

Take care.

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