

Dear Lonnie,

12/25/99

Hope you and Mary are enjoying a merry ~~Christmas~~ Xmas this early Xmas a.m. and the blanket of snow you have. You are lucky to be able to handle that ^Nkid of weather, with which I am familiar from two hitches at Fort Ontario during World War II. When it got up to freezing then on nice Sunday mornings many of us went to breakfast with not even a shirt over our long john uppers. And sat on the edges of the deep snow that had been ~~plowed~~ plowed out for vehicles ^ewhen we waited for entry into places like the hospital for shots.

Thanks for your prayer that I have no pain. I've been lucky that way. But for the second time I'm just out of the hospital after the second hospitalization caused by the dialysis center, this time by giving me two bacteria. Previous time by giving me heparin at the wrong time so my blood would not clot over their entry for the dialysis. Big outfit with ^Gbigger greed, greed causing these kinds of careless mistakes.

Your reference to New books, which I take to mean assassination ^Kboos, or so called, reminds me that I have been making a very large record of the craziness on both sides, ^{Now}about 25 book-length manuscripts. Most are by self-conceived critics who are generally egomaniacs and fools, because they put out so much more. But I've done both sides. If you have any suggestions, or any of those books you do not want, they'd be welcome. I cannot go down to the basement to work on the files I got by FOIA lawsuits, haven't since a few trips in 1993, and that ^{gives}me something to do that I can do.

Lil and I have had a rough year. She fell and cracked a hip in 11/98 and ^{hospital}they dropped her again and broke a hip that time. Also putting blood clots on her brain and that causes more trouble. She had four major operations in 6 weeks. She was in the hospital or nursing homes for about six months. I got pneumonia in February of this year and after hospitalization was in a ^{nursing}nursing home for three months. Horrible places if they can be avoided. I ^{need}need not have been there more than a few days but with Medicare to be ripped off, they never discharged me. I discharged myself when they did not and I knew it was hurting me to be there.

You are so right about the need for medical insurance! Hope you can find one to cover you both after you cannot work any more!

Lil manages very slow and very short steps on a ^{walker}walker and is gradually increasing what she can do without falling.

Have you heard any more about Henry Wade? Last I heard he was pretty frail. Keep going, both of you, and may your remaining years be many and good.

Best,

Hal

Hi!

We think about you often and pray you are free of pain and worry. I am happy the Memphis Grand Jury partially vindicated your work for James Earl.

Meanwhile, I still get annoyed to pick up new books and see my name and subsequent misquotes. In fact, I am quoted by people to whom I have never spoken and of words I have never said.

Mary had a rough summer but is doing much better now. I am still working Tuesday through Saturday nights. I don't need the money as much as I need the medical benefits.

Take care,
Lonnie

Holiday greetings and best wishes for a bright
and wonderful new year!

Lonnie and Mary
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