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Dear Bill,

I'm going to Washington this a.m. and will mail this from there, together with the pertinent enclosure. I have heard nothing further from the man of whom I wrote you. He seems to have some apprehensions and does not realize that only his silence now presents him with jeopardy. He has been seen by Billings' man, @coca, but I have only the sketchiest account of the result. I know that he did not give O. what he has. I spoke to Billings Saturday. We agreed that if he does not have what Huston has by tomorrow I would get in touch with you. I believe this is a somewhat safer way than phone, so I am doing it in advance, to follow by phone if necessary. Huston's only phone is at a used-car lot, where it is 714-359-8339.

I will be away from Wednesday a.m. until Thursday p.m. or Friday a.m.

He has a three-month wait for a phone. He is an insurance agent. The lot belongs to a relative named Tibbets.

Whatever happens, please do not, under any circumstances, mention any of this until I tell you, particularly not to Turner, not to anyone else at Ramparts, either. Except Maggie, in person.

If you have Ray's address, I'd like to send him a copy of PW.

I am on to some other new and interesting material. I've gotten little new work done this past week but have worked on the appendix to the NO book. I'll get little done this week, by way of writing, that is. I spent six late-hour nights doing two shows to Boston Fri and Sat, do one in Phila Wed until 2 a.m. Thursday and one to Salt Lake City (KSL) by phone this coming Friday night. The reaction in Boston seems to have been good.

Phoned Penn to ask him to get the current Lovelady address for me (re note after index). Instead he tracked him down (I wanted to speak to wife, or have another do it) to Room 241 Gaston Hospital. Penn says he has been told it is cancer. L. chased him out. P is in low spirits.

This Port Isabella thing might be a booby trap. It is perhaps even more important if it is. The gentleman there made the mistake of asking a personal friend in the sheriff's office for a "make" on "subject". Need I tell you what must have happened when the FBI got an inquiry about a "missing witness" (to us only) in this case? The ~~subject~~ says he knows he is being followed and that inquiries are being made about him and subject. But I am very anxious to get what he has.

Best regards from us both,