

Dear Jim,

2/13/76

Once again an update while I try to unwind. It is a bit early for bed and work made me tense because I wanted to continue writing and decided I shouldn't push too hard. I was afraid that if I started the next chapter, which is fairly well in mind, I'd be unwilling to stop, would stay keyed up and not sleepy.

The Playboy consultation is a real drag because it is miserable stuff and I have to try and straighten it out when it represents high policy. The last 10 pages took about 20 hours. That the research dept is flipped over the meticulousness and care will do me little good. I've put more time in already than the decent fee (promised but not paid) covers by normal standards. But there are 46 pages to go! They are due Tuesday. They are so used to wasting money they don't know how not to. I suggested that they mail the stuff or put it on a through Greyhound bus. They used air express. It took six days!

If the stuff comes in Tuesday's mail I'll work on it on the bus, with a recorder, when I go to Washington Wednesday to get my "leotards." This is really what they are called, that special form or anti-embolism support invented by an engineer named Jobst. Each one is made to measure. I think I told you ex-GL wouldn't wear and wouldn't let a woman nurse near him for measuring.

If the copy doesn't come I'll use the time to outline my first speech on the King case, before a black college a week from today.

While I haven't the slightest idea how good what I did is, I am pleased that beginning last evening, with 7 hours of sleep last night and two good walks today I have churned out about 8-10 words of what, as I feared, is not going to be a short book. By 3-4 p.m. today.

As I got into it I realized that I could not tell the story and condense on Hue so I've broken him into two chapters, the first on the financial corruption, the second on what else he did. I hope that unless the quotes are too good the second one will not be as long.

Fortunately Floyd wants to go with me on the King speech, so to and from the airport is no problem. Daytime speech so a one-dayer.

Someone is trying to promote one in Vegas. That'll get me close ~~fx~~ if it happens. Not set and nut competition. But I look forward to getting that close and having a fee that would pay fare to there and LA.

Best,

