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Dear Art,

Pleased to get your card, a luxury we have had to give up because I cannot take the time and I keep my overburdened wife too busy for her to do it. I hope the added note means you are coming east. If you do and can stop off here (we also have accommodations if you'd like to stay over), three airports are equally convenient, Baltimore, National and Dulles. There is no stacking over the first and last but there are more Boston-Washington flights to National- but no nonstops to California. Of course, on stopping you do not have to leave from the airport at which you land. We are about an hour from any of them, although the distance is about 50 miles. There is not a traffic light between us and the two at DC and only a couple between here and Balt.

I have not gotten the Mankiewicz tape and want it very much, to add to COUP, which I'm finishing up. I have found out what happened when I taped. There is a bad spot in the volume control. When the needle made it seem the level was low and I advance the level, I stopped on the bad spot and got nothing. The first part of the tape, when we were just talking, was fine!

If you pick up any scuttlebutt on the Brener book, it will interest me. See if you can learn whether your station got a review copy or other freebies, and PR material (which would interest me). Having read the book I have reached certain tentative conclusions I'll share with you when we are together again. It is more likely they'd have sent copies to your TV station.

Nothing new except that we seem to have a white Day-after Christmas. It is not yet light enough to see, but we may be snowed in. We could have had as much as a foot yesterday afternoon and during the night. And there has been drifting.

If you or anyone else (and I'm entirely out of contact with the former LA committee) has the time and can reach Hall, Howard or Hemming, I'd like to ask them about a list of names. It can be done over the phone and taped. I have some new ones they may well know. Some of them have very interesting posts. Could you find time to do this? About 20-30 names of the types they associated with. If they did associate with some it would be very interesting. While what they might say of those they may have known may be less than dependable, it would still be worth having a chance to evaluate.

Hope you are having a good holiday. Best to Jim and the others when you speak to them.

Sincerely,