

Dear Jim,

7/20/75

As you will have gathered, yesterday was a bad one in several ways mostly but not entirely the GHA matter enclosed and what relates to it. So, after a fairly decent start in writing, this intruded and left me upset, and I turned to catching up on reading before going to bed.

I'm sorry I didn't do some of this reading earlier so I could have shared new vintage Lane with you. You'd enjoy it

Because it is in Playgirl (I don't think I'd ever heard of it) my education was added to. I didn't know that one can buy an electric penis, with two speeds yet (batteries extra).

This is where Lane really belongs.

It is, of course, a sycophantic interview, which helps.

The display of ignorance, while typical of Lane, is not new. He does go into new areas (to me) of misinformation. He does go into the Garrison case falsely and deceptively.

With all the ads of this kind the interview takes up many pages. If you want it it will be cheaper to buy the rag. If you do not you can always borrow this copy.

What I think will give you the biggest kick is this lawyer's concept of the FOIA law and his coming career under it. The letter that tickled you so much is minor now.

He actually says that the law was passed for the first time last year!

And that he, meaning the one and only Dick Baring, is about to empty the Archives with one fell swoop.

Among the essential evidence he is going to get - from the Archives - is the paraffin testing, read about the most important evidence there is.

And this leads to one of the reasons, one of which I did not then know, for asking you to make no mention at all of the fact that I have all this.

What we do not want is this gang of those who make whores respectable screwing around with this kind of material.

Besides, I may sell a story on it, one in which I can eliminate all the goo and stick to the evidence and its meaning.

I have made a proposal.

It seems to me that the best way to handle this is for you to say it looked like junk and not related to the suit, if anyone asks about the stuff Ryan gave you, you were busy, so you just gave it to me without making copies. I would not even indicate its nature. Just claim ignorance and transfer to me with the papers themselves. Meanwhile, as we discussed, I'll take steps to see if I can get ERDA to collate and staple them. If some time passes and this is not done we might consider a new and I think simple FOIA suit on this alone. If it does nothing else it will help next time amendments are considered and when the government complains about the great burden on it.

Best,