

Mrs. and Mrs. Jim Leavelle  
4613 Chaha Road  
Garland, TX 75043

12/20/94

Dear Taimi and Jim,

With your card taking 5 days to get here if I mail this tomorrow it should get there about the time you get home.

I had hoped that we'd hear that you were coming up and would be able to slip up here for a day, so we could visit, so I could talk to Jim a little about new things I've learned and about Hosty, who has been of interest to me in recent writing. I also have some of the newly-released records, not many but some, I think Jim may want to look at and perhaps copy. I say not many because all those who have been in this for some time have ambitions and seek fame and exclusivity so they take from me but return nothing. When all I'm doing is trying to make a record for history, not for profit.

We hope you are OK and when you undertake to be with children for the holidays I suppose that means you are both in good shape. There are some things love does not overcome unless you are. We are about what we could hope to be, thanks, not as good as we'd like but still lucky and percolating on the lowest burner.

I rarely hear from anyone down there now. The qu<sup>ite</sup> anniversary suits me fine. I never went to any or was part of any. It is not for me a cause for celebration. It is a time of sorrow. Last person I heard from a week or so ago was Henry Wde. he is a friend and I like him. He had gotten over a heat stroke and is back at work. I think you live near Mary's daughter. Please ask her to give Mary and Buck our best and our hope that things are as good as they can be for them.

I've heard no more about the LaFonatinas and their fiction. That I've not heard that their book is out can mean that it is merely delayed or what should happen, it was cancelled, I may add to a book for the record I've written what I wrote about them. A local history prof friend thinks I should. If I do I'll use Jim's chart I am so glad he took the time to draw for me.

Something else that I am adding reminds me of Hosty and some of the farout and really crazy things he not only said but got away with saying. Nothing to do with Revill, who without doubt was completely truthful. (If I remember correctly, his wife was once Henry's secretary.)

There is going to be a kind of news. It has not yet been announced but it was agreed to. JAMA and AMA et al settled the suit by ~~Mr~~ Crenshaw and Gary Shaw out of court. The Morning News and JAMA are to publish corrections. They did libel in their carelessness and anxiety to propagandize. The other details, as is not unusual, are secret. But they are also paying both some money. I wish I thought it could discourage the lousy writing on both sides but a new book that is pretty bad does not encourage that hope. Our best to you and yours and our hopes that the new year is as good to all of us as it can be, sincerely,

Harold

12-15-94

We're getting ready to fly to Fairfax tomorrow to spend Christmas with our daughter and her family - We will fly back on the 26<sup>th</sup> - Their baby-sitter will be gone for a few days - so we will baby sit the 3 children while Bob + Karl work - Part of that time the kids will be in school - so it won't be too bad -

We hope that both of you have been reasonably healthy -

Surprisingly this past JFK anniversary was relatively quiet - you did not have too many folks pestering him - Right now so many people are more interested in O. J. - JFK is past tense -



Here's hoping that Christmastime brings you a season full of happiness.

Jim & Tami Lavelle

Best wishes to both of you