

Dear Andy,

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It's been a long time. Hope you got your projects completed before the happy even of St. Valentine's Day and that mother, baby and father are all doing well.

I've taken another look at what you call your primer for the uninformed. Offhand I don't think of anything to add.

Not much new here. A big hunk of every day goes to the prescribed exercises, in the morning walking at a local mall and foot and leg exercises evenings, which means to TV or Orioles' broadcasts.

The surgeon is pleased with my walking capabilities, and I wish I could be. I'm satisfied that I'm doing what is medically necessary but I wish I could do more. I go from a sixth to a third of a mile and then sit and rest, one of the reasons the doctor suggested the mall. I can sit there about even 75 feet. I use a book as a time clock, reading a page or two and then walking again. I've made up to 4.5 miles per morning but when the surgeon told me that 3 is OK, I cut back to that so I would have more time at the desk. Today I did 4.0 because yesterday and the day before the foot complained more. The promotion of circulation is from walking.

Good think I was told I could cut back because I had another long affidavit to do, not quite as long as the one you have. This also was in a JFK case, for the field office records.

I've been trying to bring some of the cases to an end so I could spend more time writing but the FBI is anxious to keep me bogged down and to a large degree it has succeeded.

Nothing of any real significance in the relatively few additional pages I got as a result of appeals.

The spectro case is before the appeals court again, as perhaps you knew. We await the government's response brief.

I made out well with wood. I used much less than I thought because, it turns out, I had much less than I thought. Here is how I learned. I got a good deal on some green oak. I arranged with the young fellows from whom I got it for them to plant locust posts that would enable an automatic count. Four rows each 24' long, piled 6' high and with 16" cuts gives me six cords or 1.5 per row. I expect to use this year after next, which will let it dry. With the posts to hold the ends it was not necessary to criss-cross. It also makes a fairly solid stack. And stacked solid it takes up more space than what I'd had criss-crossed, what I used this past winter. So, I know I used less than six cords.

Meanwhile, I'll be looking for dry wood for this coming winter.

We also got a small Kerosun for use in Lil's office, which the woodstove heat does not reach well. We are pleased. It is highly efficient and did the job we wanted done. Lil used it only on very cold days so we used very little kero.

I've heard nothing new about the Ramsey panel report and I had no inquiries about it when it was released. It held no real surprises.

Although we'd had what amounts to a drought for the spring, broken now, Lil's flowers were healthy and beautiful. Rains, however, ruined almost all of her peonies.

Hope all is well with you all,