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Dear Gary,

On a month when the charges for my medicines are lowest they come to ~~the~~ \$750+. I phoned for a renewal, Lil went in and got it, and although the order on the bag on which the prescription number was written, right next to it, in large capital letters the clerk wrote at my request SNAP CAP ~~the~~ ONLY when we got home we saw it was the child-proof cap- for people both over 80! and who has specifically ordered a cap that ~~is~~ snaps off. I am not to stand still and the number of medications that keep me alive are astounding. So, having to stand for any one is a problem. But then I do spend that much or more every month with the pharmacy, whose manager could not be nicer, and his pharmacists do not give a damn and ignore his instructions and those with the renewal. It is not in and of itself that big a deal. I just do what should not be done, reuse the old containers and throw the one that presents problems away. But what is not as easy is facing the reality, that too many, if not most of those who have not yet accumulated so many years could not care less for those who have when in fact doing what is asked of them requires no real time and effort or very little.

We get an mail from all around the world and some of it means much. We respond to each and every one and despite our ages and the amount of work we have undertaken, we do that promptly. Lil has pitched in on this since the local hospital did not expect me to live a year and a half ago when it rushed me up to Johns Hopkins. One of us does respond and that promptly. When we have more than 169 years between us, his-and-his canes and his-and-her walkers, prescribed.

We have the perhaps old-fashioned idea that if we can do it, very few people can't and that those who do not fail to not because they can't find the time. Or, as I began, one of the really disagreeable aspects of growing old is that those who have not just do not give a damn. As this business, which happens regularly with the medicine container reminded me as I sat and awaiting the call to supper.

I do not have a <sup>salary</sup> ~~salary~~ and have not since before I began this work. The work I have done for years and am doing is for others, and I do that without income and with rather little help. But I am making a record for our history and it will be <sup>readily</sup> ~~readily~~ available to others.

I ~~finish~~ finished the book-length manuscript on Donahue/Menninger two weeks ago without being able to include the little I asked you about. I have the right to use Zapruder, but not for profit, and I established the right in federal court to access to copyrighted material that does not sell it.

I'm sorry this was too much trouble for you. Harold Weisberg

Harold