

Dear Bill,

5/1/97

Between the carpenter ants and the doctors we've been slowed down a bit. I do now have a supply of typewriter ribbons and I'll soon have one in use!

The carpenter ants demonstrate such about nature. They've been surviving effective extermination. We've had an exterminator regularly and little by little he is getting them but they do return, new ones. When we found the house amply supplied with them only a few days after the exterminator was here he returned and treated the house again and still we had more. We finally found what seems impossible, that they are coming in through the roof that does not leak! He treated that ^{and} daily we are finding them dead on the floor or about to die. A flaw in the chimney flashing. But they get in and water does not! They even had a way of getting in around the thermopane windows that are sealed in the wall. Meanwhile, each time the exterminator is here we have to be away for a half day not to breathe in what he uses. We have him four times a year and this time four ^{or} extra treatments.

Tuesday was the regular cardiologist's examination at Johns Hopkins in Baltimore. Scared me when for the first time he asked me to go for an X-ray and bring it back. That is fast at that hospital, which has an entire building for outpatient consultations and examinations and even surgery. He and a younger doctor with him looked at the X-rays and exclaimed "beautiful!" I asked what was so beautiful and he explained. He'd thought I had fluid in the chest again and had the X-rays taken for that. They in fact showed no fluid. That is what was so "beautiful!"

It is good that you are getting some time away from your business. I hope you do not worry about it when you are not with it.

Heavy load on taxes but it also represents success and alas there is need for even more taxes. It is insane to think about reducing them when that alone increases the heavy debt. Some people will do anything for ^{political} benefit, even ruin the country and corrupt peoples' thinking. I don't like to pay them, either. I also do not like having to put out more than \$700 a month on medicines but it is necessary and so are the damned taxes. The needs are there and taxes only can meet them. Wait until the next bridge gives way with a load on it! Things like that that are not talked about.

Have a good time on your trip!

Best,

Harold

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1:25 pm

DEAR HAROLD

HOPE YOU & LIL O.K. WELL GLAD YOU REC RADIO
ALSO I REC DISKS FROM MR WRONE. WILL COPY
THEM & SEND THE BACK TO HIM. MY WIFE MY
SELF & ONE OF MY GRAND DAUGHTER WILL BE
LEAVING HERE MAY 5 TO TAKE OUR YOUNGEST DAUGHTER'S
CAR TO HER IN ST LOUIS MO. WE ARE GOING TO DALLAS
FIRST SPEND TWO DAYS THEN DRIVE TO ST LOUIS SPEND
A FEW DAYS WITH ~~HEATHER~~ HEATHER OUR YOUNGEST.
THEN FLY OUT OF ST LOUIS NIGHT OF MAY 14TH
SO AS YOU CAN SEE IT IS A FLYING TRIP. WHAT
WE DON'T DO FOR OUR KIDS. WELL AS USUAL WE
ARE VERY BUSY. WIND BLOWING LIKE CRAZY HERE
WEATHER CRAZY ALL OVER THE COUNTRY. I HOPE
LIL SORTED TAX SEASON O.K. I GOT CLIPPED
BAD AGAIN FOR 1996 EVEN WITH ALL MY ~~WASTE~~
OFFS STILL TOTAL TAX BILL FOR S.S. FED & STATE TAX
WAS \$3800.00 AND CHANGE SOG SEC IS HIGH
FOR SELF EMPLOYED OH WELL I JUST PAID IT
AND START ALL OVER AGAIN

P.S.

NEED SUPPLYS
OR BOOKS
PLEASE ADVISE

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YOUR FRIEND

BILL