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Dear Peter,

Thoughtful to send the Chastain piece via Pacific News from Phoenix. Thanks.

It it all rehash because of the timing, interest in King again.

It is also foolish because Wayne is no longer a reporter and is a kkwyer and this is the kind of writing that can give him Bar troubles. We've spoke and I don't think he'll continue to have the same yearnings. Without thinking of it he intruded into the case of other lawyers without assent - or asking it. And at a very bad time.

I like to keep up, can't on my own, and want to leave a full and complete files, so I do appreciate this. I'd seen an abridged version that appeared elsewhere.

Years ago I developed a survival mattern of not wasting the scarce pennies or the precious minutes. So, I may not mail this immediately because I know you do not expect response and there may be more scon.

Since about May Robert has promised to send me some pictures for when I reprint the first and third of the Whitewashes. He intends well but lets things go. When you speak to him, or perhaps better "hris, nudge him a bit, please. I've not pushed these books, which are close to out of print, because I had to use the money to print Post Mortem. (Please also apologize for my not inscribing Robert's copy. I was tired when I packed it and didn't think of it. I also delayed sening it until I heard from you because you'd sais you didn't want a copy until work on your own book was finished.)

I've worked out a profitless and perhaps ruinous deal to get these books in commercial channels. This means that I'll have to reprint and would like to add those pictures he'll know are appropriate to both books.

It isn't tomorrow or the next day but it will be before long and he lets things slide. Fact is I have a speech to make this week, a side trip or two and I'm in court at least next week and have preparations for other litigation to force the divulgings. But I don't want to has get caught short and if he continues to forget and I also get too busy and forget I'll not be ready.

It is difficult for me to adjust to the suddenly reduced energy and my recovery, while it seems to be recovery, is slow. I work more than a day each day but must let much go. This has already forced abandoning all magazines and I'll clip papers and lay them aside for rest periods. I'm far behind. Some of the unfiled is 3 months old. If it annoys there is no practical alternative. So, I try to save minutes. A clipping like this one, when I have no subscriptions, thus serves a useful purpose. I see none of the alternative press and the Times only when clips are sent me. I'm down to the WxPost daily because there is no practical alternative.

Baxter has bought a piece from a nice kid who may or may not know what he is into. He's a real nice kid, in college, but new to the field. But the crap and the meaningless always does have a ready market. I've heard nothing from Ernie.

Thanks and best regards,