

Dear Phil,

1/22/82

Wow! A year in Europe! Lucky man!

Wayne didn't hear from me because I didn't hear from him for so long.

I'm OK now but there was a rough period. I had a successful arterial implant, then blood clots broke loose, requiring emergency surgery, and when I'd gotten over that the entire left side was blocked, which was a closer call than I'd want again. That meant another emergency surgery. However, I'm limited in what I can do now and while I'm mobile I'm no longer a young man of 62.

Which entails a complication that means that we have no sleeping accommodations for others. I have to keep my legs up and my wife, who has a hiatal hernia, has to sleep with her legs down. So, she has the bedroom and I use the sofa. What had been another bedroom is now her office. This time of the year she does tax work. Or, it isn't a spare bedroom any more.

My sister and brother-in-law are coming next week. I've made a reservation for them at a tourist camp about 5 minutes away. Others who have used it in the past were satisfied. And it is a lot less than the Holiday Inn. It is \$21 for two for a night, so I guess a little less for one. Glad to make the reservation for you if you'd like and you can work here. We do have spare typewriters.

Jimmy has been silent for a long time. My relationship with him ended when he got that looney rightwinger for a lawyer. Prior to then I have to regard the relationship as confidential because I was his investigator. Since then I've had only a few letters, when he wanted something I had or he thought I had. I don't hear from him otherwise because Lane has him convinced that I've worked for the FBI.

I do hear from Jerry, and thus I know that recently Japanese TV interviewed Jimmy at Asheville.

You mention his writing a book. There was a story quite some time ago that he said he is doing that. I have no knowledge but I'm inclined to doubt it.

Except that he sought a pardon I haven't even heard anything about what he is or may be up to. But he seems to like his name in print and if he'd talk to the Japanese I supposed he'd be no less interested in attention in Holland.

The interview with Teddy might be interesting. Hope you get it. Sorry we have no sleeping space but if you are here you'll see. Strange house, with much that is wonderful, but also much that is not.

Hope you can make it. Look forward to seeing you.

Please give my best to Wayne.

And the best to you, too,

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Dear Harold:

I'm recently back from a year in Europe. Wayne said he hadn't heard anything of you in some time, so I thought I'd write.

I hope you're doing OK.

While I was in Dublin, I met a Dutch journalist from DE TYD, an influential magazine I understand. He called me last week from Amsterdam and wants me to do an article on James Earl. I've just written to Jimmy with some questions.

Are you in touch with him? Anything you can tell me on what he's up to? Have there been any prison interviews lately? I wonder why he doesn't market a book on his experiences at Nashville <sup>and</sup> or Brushy Mountain.

If you've had any correspondence with him, would you mind excerpts being printed as illustrative material--perhaps for a fee? I've found two letters he typed to me in 1978.

Wayne is still working for Legal Aid in Memphis, if you didn't know. As to Ray's attorneys of the past, I've heard nothing. As I said, I've been out of the country.

DE TYD also hopes I can get an interview with Ted Kennedy. If I manage, could I lodge with you for a night or two?

Take care. Be in touch.

Best,

*Phil.*

Phil Moss