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Dear Phil,

Thanks for the Livingston story.

Had it been worth any thought I'd have assumed Bob would rush to the papers with a version congenial to his desires and getting himself free publicity. I would not describe his role in this case as he seeks to convey.

But I am glad to be aware of little details. Sometimes they are helpful.

After seeing a PMS memo mailing I figured you and Peter Morse are one and the same. I think I wrote in this sense.

Whether or not you are need be no business of mine if you have a reason for keeping two identities separate and non-public.

On the other hand, if there is no such need, why leave me to wonder whether there is more than one person and why what I say to one appears under the by-line of another?

I'm surprised not to have seen more from Memphis quoting Richard Ryan. As I recall it first he was to have filed the suit as part of a new "team" effort and then a no-spike courtesy to Ray as a messenger boy for a pro se civil action no sensible and few less than sensible lawyers would file.

My own experience with Tennessee mails, bad as they have been, have not persuaded me that a Complaint by Ray would not have reached the clerk of the court by mail.

But then when I met Richard he was the epitome of southern courtesy. So maybe he believed his time was nothing compared to the quarter he save Ray.

Maybe his Nashville associate is the shrinking violet species of lawyer who believes that when the bar prohibits advertising it means for lawyers to keep their names out of the papers when they are the subject or part of ~~legit~~ legitimate news stories.

If you hear the name I'm curious. I've made no inquiries to learn it, assuming that in time I would.

Best,

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Dear Harold

Thanks for good additional material. I'll hold up on a follow-up story till

I see how Peter Morse's 1st story went. I haven't yet seen any printed versions
of it or, indeed, the final manuscript as PNS revised it.

Tried to reach Kay on the phone today, but couldn't.

I'm aware of blur in some of the photocopies I sent you. Crosstown P.O. copier
is rotten & I'll seek out a crisper machine.

A switch in writing direction: Today I sold 9 political gags to Pat Paulsen,
who's appearing here. In 1972, you recall, he was standard bearer of the Stag Party.

Best,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be the initials 'R' or 'H' with a flourish.