

2/27/81

Dear Harold,

We were glad to hear that there is a possibility you can come up to visit your mother and also go to the reunion. When that possibility becomes a reality, please mail your reservation to us or Al Balfour, and advise us of your mother's address and telephone number.

Among those who have already made their reservation are Bill Wetherell, Bob + Dorothy Baughman Costa, Betty Manchester, Edith Steelman, Jake Fried, Marge Kennedy, Loren, Rosemary ~~Marino~~ George, C. H. Robins Jr., El Beason, Donald Darrell, Madeline Berg, Lillard, Jack Hartland (from the West Coast!), ~~M. ...~~, Francis Midlam Kennedy and Marjorie McEhry ^{avens}. You'll probably also remember many from the June ^{class}.
Not able to make it are D. & F. ^{class}, Buddy Erisman and Bob Boyer.

Was interested in your comments on the Warren commission. I've often wondered if ~~it was~~ the assassin ^{was} ~~was~~ a result of our backstage attempts to kill Castro.

Hope to see you at the reunion. If you can make it, Al and I will pick you up. Is your condition such that you need the whole back seat for comfort, or can you share it with one other?

Best regards,

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Dear Jim,

2/23/01

Thanks for the update. I'm glad to hear that so many of those I liked are still alive. I'm also sorry that some names are not mentioned. And that job over won't be there. We got to be better friends at Delaware.

If my sister-in-law can get the time off we'll be there. She wants to make a trip because she is very fond of my mother. There are two problems: her agency had each employee put in for annual leave already, for the year; and it is requiring much overtime. Because she is a widow she has already done more than her fair share of overtime, ~~so~~ so we are optimistic, absent some emergency there.

We would be leaving here Thursday morning, getting to Wilmington for lunch. We'd probably stay in Wilmington for several days, returning Sunday.

I won't be able to move around much or stand at all. I had a bad experience with forced standing this morning, at the Lab where I get a weekly blood test to monitor the clotting time of the blood. Ordinarily I don't have to stand there but they were too crowded. In less than five minutes I was limping and the worse foot was swollen more and complaining strongly. I can and do walk. It is best medicine. But I can't do it for long. Means I'll have to find a place where I can sit and keep the feet elevated.

I'm not in or used to a wheelchair but if we can take one in the car trunk I'll be seeing if I can get one that folds. Problem is I'll take up the entire back seat. (You figured that correctly.) I use the entire seat, the only way I can keep the feet up. Which is to say prevent the blood from puddling in the feet. Means I can't keep a wheelchair in the seat, on the floor.

If you know of a family up there with a wheelchair for sale, please let me know. I'm going to ask my sister the same question. I've canvassed this neighborhood, negatively. The price of a new one is prohibitive. I'll be able to use one around where when I take my wife shopping, which she now does alone because I can't stand in the stores; and it would probably enable me to attend some of the hearings in my own Freedom of Information litigation. I should be at one next week but won't because I can't stand for the search at the entrance and while waiting for the elevator.

You do mention the names of some of the girls I liked best, fine people. Some of their husbands' names mean nothing to me. I remember I used to tease Dit Baughman by calling her "Splinters" but I don't remember clearly why. I think she sat unwisely once!

The belief that at the JFK assassination was a kickback from a plot against Castro is widespread but baseless. The actual story of the origin of the theory is a hair-raiser. I got those records in one of my suits.

My mother lives not far from you, off Lee Boulevard, at 6 Colony North.

You ask if I can share the back seat with others. Yes, but --. I'll pay for it if it is for more than 10 minutes. It then would be better for me to use the front seat if I can sit sideways in it and keep the left leg horizontal. I've done this.

I do look forward to being able to get there. I'll let you know.

Best regards,