

Dear Bill,

10/2/95

Along with the letters from you today is this rebuilt old Olympic portable gotten for me in California and sent to reach me today. It is the thoughtfulness of a new and very good friend of whom I'll tell you. We got back from lunch and found this ~~is~~ waiting and I just had to try it. It is, as you can see, a bit different and with no instruction book I've much to ~~learn~~ learn, including what is used as a backer up.

They've just left, along with a student who was also here last evening and there is less than a half hour to supertime. Fine fellow who got this for me and sent it to me.

Aside from a number of people in retirement weeks we have three more coming Saturday. So in what usually I do I've done less of.

I think it will not be too hard for me to get used to this machine but there is no instruction book.

From your letter of the 20th I take it you've gone fishing or will have before this can reach you.

To the best of my knowledge the babushka lady had never been identified and her film has never been seen.

Aside from the kind of person Dennis was at birth he and Gerry are copies of Dave who had the kind of influence on them Dennis had on your friend. And I'm sure this will be true of many of the students influenced by them who teach.

This fellow, Bill, who has a successful security service, thinks he can make another table like this one only lower for me. If he does that I'll use this for short letters until I get used to it, on the second table. And that way, little by little, will get used to it.

I'll read the clippings when I get up in the morning. Most look interesting.

Dr. Doug DeSalles of Sacramento was here last week, the day after Hal Verb was. Each is working on the time of the first shot. Really goes back to WW. After Doug left I wrote and suggested that he do a book rather than a student and then suggested that he and Hal collaborate on the book. Doug has done some interesting testing. He has disproven both Nobel Laureate Alvarez and Fink Lattimer on how melons behave when hit by a bullet. His did not move. The difference is that Doug taped the melons to duplicate skin, etc. Impressive video.

Alvarez got the idea from students who got it from Whitewash as I'm sure Alvarez knew. The more we hear that is new the more we know that it is not new, it seems.

The COPA people awarded four plaques for lifetime service. Besides the one brought here last evening one to Penn Jones, one to Fink Thompson and one to Mary Ferrell.

Supper time.

I've not seen Livingstone's new book but several months ago, after he read the proofs, Lonnie Lukdkins told me there was virtually no mention of me in it. Lonnie also told me it is a pretty crazy book. I doubt I'll buy it.

The American Heritage article on the Commission should be interesting. Wonder why at this time.

On how we did it financially, I look back and wonder! We were in debt until first I refused to settle the second suit against the government over the helicopters ruining out farming until they paid what we owed on the mortgage and then the rest of our debt was paid and we had a little more than that when the farm was taken over by that county for part of a large park. It was returned to nature. All the buildings were destroyed. In places the concrete was at least 3-4 feet deep! I'll tell you about that sometime if you remind me, how I managed to get that much concrete in a henhouse. Hope your fishing is good and that it's relaxing. Best to you all.

Harold