

Dear Bill,

12/28/95

We got the Nixon stamps without asking for them or wanting them. Lil has them because cluttered as my desk is and with my awkwardness in moving I prefer and generally use the rolls for which I have small containers. I do use any kind, of course, and do find space for sheets. Lil used that stamp on that letter to get a rise from you. She laughed when she came to that in your letter.

What you say about the thermostat was in my mind. I'd intended asking our cousin who is a Pontiac dealer but did not get around to it. I'm going to make a date with the local Plymouth dealer as soon as the service manager gets back from a rather long lunch. With simpler cars we used to do that ourselves. Even made the gaskets sometimes. *Change set for lat thing Wednesday.*

It has been so long since I've thought of such things I cannot keep the words straight in my mind. But if the differential lubricant is in the automatic transmission I had that checked in the fall and replaced. But I'll ask when I have the thermostat put in, probably next week.

If Merritt reacts to Senator Russell Dissents I'll be interested. I used to read his paper in 1938, those months I spent in London.

We are making out about ~~wa~~ as well as we can hope to. We are staying in most of the time but I'm still leaving early mornings to shop and walk at the nearby store. I do better with the grocery cart than with a cane

I think it was in Bethlehem that Arafat praised Jesus.

I believe I sent you the little I did on the Pepper books. Before looking at it I expected a bad one but not as bad as it is.

We have no proof that Oswald was connected with any agency yet the fact is, as I wrote in 1965, that his career in N.O. is consistent with establishing a cover. And Nixon was dirty enough to have been involved in getting those scandals started. But we do not know and have no way of knowing. However, I am satisfied that he did know not later than the Monday morning of his return from Florida.

I've started work on a new book manuscript probably another Part for Inside. It is on the Walt Brown book, Treachery in Dallas. A very bad book. I've two chapters in rough. I've read and annotated it.

I've had two brief conversations with Graf and a short one with a man they once had arranging talk-show appearances. The first was when they wanted to do a case Open and the second when he phoned to apologize for omitting the index from NEVER AGAIN! They don't even respond to letters. From me, that is.

But I still wonder about that gift from Gallen. The not inconsiderable cost is nothing to him but that he thought of it after all that happened and did not happen for the past three years does indicate some kind of change. Best to you all,

*Hardy*