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Dear Harold:

Well, the Republicans finally have an idea I can support! The elimination of the inheritance tax! With both state and Federal, the top rate is about 62%. That is one hell of a tax. In our case, we would get hammered pretty good. I tell my parents to keep on taking their vitamins, maybe they can outlive the tax. Of course, Mom and Dad think I am a smartass!

I enclose 4 pictures, extras. The first is me holding a 5lb porgy near Key West. Betsy caught this fish, which we released alive. It is good to eat, lives with snapper, and in fact is marketed as "silver snapper." The next is a picture of Betsy in our boat, with the coastal condos of St. Augustine in the background. We are in the intracoastal waterway, a river that has been dredged to a 13 foot minimum so the millionaires can drive their yachts up and down the river because their elderly wives won't let them take them out in the ocean! The condos you see are facing the Atlantic. The next pic is me, with thousands of acres of wetlands in the background, also in St. A's. All the sealife, birds, oysters, fish, manatees, dolphins and teenage boaters breed there. I heard that a lot of topless lasses hang out near here, and all the old retired fishermen take binoculars to scope them out. No babes but Betsy that day! And she kept her top on. The last photo is a picture of the Cat hospitality tent at Indy at the Brickyard 400, a stock car race. That is my dad in the red and white striped shirt, yellow Cat hat on. We don't get to run the Cat dealership anymore, but I hope they keep giving us the race tickets! Lot of big money in racing, Cat pays about \$400,000 a year to put a decal the size of this page on a race car. ~~Not~~ The primary sponsor, Coors Beer pays \$2-3 million for their name on the hood. I must be in the wrong business. When I was a kid, racing was considered the thing for dumb drunk rednecks. Now it is a career choice! It is not the 200mph speeds that would bother me, it is the 200mph stops when you hit the wall.

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Thanks for the Herblock cartoons and the Walt Brown stuff. After I read it, will forward to Gerry G. I enclose some articles for you.

I have submitted an article to the local weekly paper, where the socialites get their pics printed. They ran the enclosed article by Novak, so they are somewhat openminded about the JFK subject. They are kind of hard up for material to print between the pictures of debutantes, so maybe they will print my article. But at least I had fun writing it. My goal is to get published this year, Betsy was published 4 times last year. Maybe she should have written it!

Glad you liked the fruit. Hope Lil is well. Our snow has melted. It was 65 two days ago, cold now(Friday).

I hope the pictures of Florida warm you up. Take care and let me know if you get that thermostat fixed on your K car. Glad mine are fixed!

Bill

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