

Dear Bill,

7/29/96

Like me!

It took you three days to mail the letter you wrote a week ago today. Came today. I'm glad to know some people have been decent enough to discard the astroturf. When Eddie Murray resigned with the Orioles years ago it was with the provision that any new stadium be real grass.

<sup>R. Kennedy</sup>  
The <sup>Y</sup> Khrushchev <sup>W</sup> comment you attribute Khrushchev was to the ambassador. I think Kh. has it in Khrushchev Remembers. That they feared a military coup. Should have!!

So Waketh stays in your mind! Good. It should!

A story about Gore's father when he was a <sup>Congressman</sup> Senator, just before Pearl Harbor.

Vito Marcantonio was a friend. He was not a Communist. Time was they denounced him. His was the Labor Party. He opposed our getting involved in the war in Europe, as many GOPs did. Joe Martin, GOP floor leader, fed Marc information that the GOPs were afraid to use. Marc was also strong on literal observances of laws, etc. The night I'll get to was the night of the lend-lease debate. Sol Bloom handled the time for the Democrats, Ham Fish for the GOPs. Marc, of neither party, wanted much time for a major speech. *from both!*

He asked me to see what I could come up with that could be persuasive with Sol Bloom. I did. His daughter accepted a decoration from Mussolini and did not return it. Marc got beaucoup time from Bloom. With Ham Fish, the GOPs wanted in the Congressional Record because they feared saying what they knew he would say.

The only thing I remember of the speech was his reference to Wendell Willkie as the barefoot boy from the utilities. But it was a very strong speech. That was interrupted only infrequently by partisan of the other side, most of whom knew better than to tangle with Marc. Gore Senior was one of two Democrats and Marc tore them up. He did not want us in that war.

After the speech I went to the cloakroom to speak to him.

Near the door was one of the elder statesmen of the House, as I remember named Cannon. If I remember correctly he was the expert on the House rules and he never wrote anything about them without consulting Marc. Gore and the other one went up to Cannon who rather than sympathize with them told them he had told them never to ask Marc to yield because he would and then where would they be?

He was that quick, that sharp, that tough in debating and repartee.

I don't know what the worst is to be over for me but by and large I am better. No doctor has spoken of the future or the possibilities but with the trouble ~~at~~ at the least involving the heart and its being weakened, I can understand that. I'm keeping a record on fluids and should from it know if any is accumulating in the chest. I think it is this Thursday I see the pulmonary specialist and next week the local cardiologist. And as long as I can't keep busy usefully I think I'll feel better.

Gerry and Dennis are two of the very finest. So are their wives. But Nancy has some fulltime work so that delayed Dennis. Gerry got some records but not nearly what they need. Those are some I called to his attention, in my office. He has a list of them. I imagine Dennis will finish that and they go to the files if he has time. Jerry has invited him to stay with them.

From the time our CIA was insane enough to give anti-aircraft missiles to those extremist Afghans wild and with their own kind of politics, morals and ethics, I've feared one would be used against a civilian place that could be ours.

These <sup>CIA</sup> crazies never saw past their immediate objective and they have a record of not exploring what their immediate objectives could lead to. How they could not consider that possible at the least I do not understand. And they had no way of exercising any control if they had wanted to. Of which there was no sign.

What D'Anato said about satellite pictures catching the explosion I did not see in the papers or on TV or hear on radio.

Most secrets are from the people, not from other countries. Our people.

My would that be something if true! And if it showed any missile!

Back to work.

Best,

Harold