

Dear Bill,

4/23/97

Your letter dated the 17th, postmarked the 21st on the priority mail envelope, makes no mention of why you sent me a copy of Chapter 11 of the epilogue of Waketh and no mention of the earlier 10 chapters of that epilogue I've been asking you (and Janice) for for a month or so. The letter is interesting, as are the enclosures, and we are glad the water was no more of a problem for you and Betsy, but I'm disappointed at not having that epilogue to get it retyped here as it could have been before now. I should not have to explain but I do so you can understand how I feel.

There is no way we can know how much time remains for me. About two hours ago I was concerned that something had happened in the leg that has more circulatory obstructions in it. I began to get short of breath, as with congestive heart failure, and that made me even more uneasy. But I drove Bill to pick up some prescriptions and groceries and sat in the car. First I made up what I'll give her, a list of what I should have if sent to a hospital and then I read. I'd read your letter and the enclosures first.

I want to read and correct what is retyped, for accuracy. While I can, while that is possible. Not only is that natural, I also did that writing under less than the best of circumstances and in haste. It may be that in the future others will not be in a position to do that. Or to do what I had in mind. So will you please get that back to me immediately? Thanks, and thanks to Janice, of whom I asked this by return mail with her check, *that long ago.*

Prime Time was in touch with me about Ray. I do not buy Pepper's bit and do not believe the Jowers story. I also do not know why he said it. I interviewed him and prepared questions for Cesar to ask at the evidentiary hearing. No indication of any tension, etc. But I never had any doubt about it, that rifle was not used in the crime. In addition to the case of this in Frame-Up I prepared much more and got it in solid, unrefuted testimony at that hearing, of which Cesar and I have the transcripts. Moreover, had he done what he says, all those people at the Lorraine and all the police going over that area would have seen him.

I think the Kings are attached to Pepper. I wrote Dexter, got no answer. Offered him all I have and gave him a brief description. It may in the end be all there is to tell him what happened in saying what did not and could not have. There is quite a story and I think movie in what I have and what Jim and I did and went through.

Please do get that epilogue back to me so I can get it retyped and corrected.

Wish you both survived the respiratory troubles. Best,

Harold