

Dear Will,

12/10/97

Thanks for your 12/8 and the useful enclosures. If you recall the date of the Charlie Rose show please tell me. I may use part of what you said although I'm past that point in my writing of Faking Kennedy: The Dark Side of Jay Hersh. I've past page 5 in his book and an on , in my writing about it, my page 72. That the CIA did not tell me about its plots against Castro can be important so I'd like to make a specific citation, if possible.

You mention of the great blue heron reminds me that I've seen only one here and was astounded that it, large as it is, could fly safely between close trees. We seen the smaller browns and grays fairly often, interestingly enough at precisely the same point on the edge of the pond.

Thanks for the letter to Arnold but there is not much chance. They are afraid.

Glad to get the ^{TV} commentary on the ABC Hersh show. I'll use some of it. When I'm too tired to write I'll look at a tape Jerry made of it for me.

Will could not answer if she needs tapes because she thinks the local Staples now had them. I'll be changing this one soon.

Daley did deliver Illinois, and are we lucky that he could and did! Otherwise the GOPs downstate would have stolen it instead.

If I did not tell you, I've done an Afterword for Wakoth. I asked Jerry to see if any students want to retype it during the break. About 20-25,000 words.

We had what I fear will be an expensive problem last week and this is also an absent-minded professor story. The professor who is working in the files in the basement, Jerry.

We do not use the cellar stairs and neither of us has been down there for several years. In the powder room, which I use not to disturb Will's sleep, I thought I could hear the pump running often. The plumber came and found, of all things, a hole in the hot-water heater, the newest piece of equipment we have but with only a five-year guarantee. When he put a new one in he also found a leak in the water pump. Now ^{that} water ran is a neat stream across the cellar floor to the floor drain. Because it was so neat Jerry figured it was supposed to be and didn't tell me! So, I shudder to think of the bill, atop that for my many medicines.

I would imagine that after you have the boat in salt water having it in water that has no sally tends to wash the salt residues off.

We had Washington friends who had a 32-foot cabin cruiser on which I hurt my back with a hung anchor ^{when} a storm come up) and before then a dear friend of my youth had a 38 footer, two-motor, wide at the stern so when I slept there + did not touch either side, and my last real boating experience was the week I spent on that before World War II. Transport to Africa and back big boats. Best to both,

Wally