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Happy New Year from -y typewriter that has developed a mind of its own!
Gotta go to the shop .

I have had a frustrating month, just o a lot of little stuff. Sorry the
ribbons did not work, the trouble is, they have consolidated several
typs of ribbons into one universal one, that only fits some things.

Jane Norris had Sy Hersh on about 3 weeks ago. He called Dave Powers
and Ken O'Donnell 'pimps". Almost had a heart attack. He also said
JFK's first marriage was a "fact."

Stanley Kutler, of Nixon tape fame, was on Charlie Rose. Rerun on New
Years Eve. You know I must be some kind of nut to watch that at 11pm
instead of being at a party! Betsy fell asleep.
Anyway, he responded to a Wall Street Journal article aa by Ben Stein.
Ben was a speechwriter for Nixon, his dad Herb was one of Nixon's
chief economist. Anyway, Stein junior wrote that Nixon was not really
anti Semitic. "His antisemitism was not operative." I meant to
cut it out for you, but forgot. KAnyway, Kutler, responding, said
"Well, Nixon did not have any gas chambers, but that certainly; does
not mean he was not really antisemitic. " Kutler insists he was really
anti Smitic. Also said Nixon did not have a good word to say about
anybody.

Kutler is from u. of Wisconsin. Does Wrone know him?

Have heard nothing from Joe KArnold.

I am determined to make some talks this year. I sort of need to "try it
out in Peoria", so I am thinking of contacting some small colleges.
I don't k have much stage fright, but need a dry run.

We went to Chicago for Christmas. Had a nice time and good weather.
The traffic ran about 78mph for whole trip. I wanted to be a race car
driver, but I 65 is about the asame thing!

Dick is fine. Betsy was involved in a case for her cousin that resulted
in a \$3.5 million verdict in Illinois. Medical malpractive.
I'll send you the article when I get it.

Tough break for the Kennedy family, with Michael getting killed in a
skiing accident. He certainly had an interesting year. I hope to avoid
going in for either alcoholism or sex addiction! As nearly as I can tell,
I need to go to a fat farm. Preferably one with good fishing.

Interestingly, Hersh did say that Ted Kennedy has been a good senator.
On XEX TV last week, CNN, he said Jack had been a bad president.
Thanks for the Garry Wills review of Dark Camelot.

Say HI to Lil, and I'll try to write later

Bill

