

Dear Bill and Betsy,

1/14/99

I can't answer your 1/10/~~✓~~ which did not get here until yesterday, in time for it to reach you before you do the Arnold show because we are iced in and there is, for today, an additional weather warning of an added winter storm. I could not answer it in time to mail the response yesterday because I was at the hospital, as the enclosed shows. It is my report to the hospital on how wonderful everyone was.

To answer your questions as best I now can, whether or not I could do the show at those early-morning hours depends in whether I am awake then because if I am not I'll not ~~be~~ hear the phone ring. Under our changed conditions I'd would hear the phone and would tap me to wake me but when she is in the hospital again she is not here to hear the phone ring and I can't with the hearing aids out.

Except for the last part of your last question all are good. It is strange that considering the conditions of his captivity Ray did not develop any visible mental problems. There may have been some of which there is no proof because of the fact that only the doctor who was part of his captivity was the doctor who saw him and there was no later evaluation.

This will not reach you in time for you to follow the suggestion but the suggestion is that if you want and Arnold wants, call me toward the end of the show, say for the last hour, and see if I am awake. If you do let the phone ring for a while because I can move only slowly. However, lately, with "il home, I've been staying up with her later and thus get up later. With her not here and when I can't visit her at night I may get back into the old hours but I now also require more sleep.

There is also the possibility that "il may require more surgery from the detailed explanations I got from so many who were so fine at the hospital. When we are young the brain is more flexible and can easily move back to the location from which it was pressured but when we accumulate the years it is stiffer and does not move as easily. If I remember correctly, it then does not ~~id~~ a little more than a ^{1/3} third of the cases. That means the space taken up by the removed old blood is again filled with blood or with spinal fluid. There will be at least one more CAT scan to learn, maybe more than one. Time will tell.

Best,

Harold