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Dear Harold and Lil:

How are you all today? We survived the Derby and only lost \$50. Now I am getting ready to go to the Indy 500. Last year, they had a flyby of the B 2 bomber. Man, it is a spooky plane. Designed for Armageddon, to deliver hydrogen bombs. A \$2billion dollar plane.

TV had a redo of "Failsafe" recently. A friend, Noah Wyle of ER, the big medical drama, was in it. They did it in black and white. I did catch one tech error, they had the planes going 1,500 knots. B-52's only go about 650 or so. Sometimes, you wonder how close to the truth Failsafe is.

I do know that one time, some one left a training computer disk in at SAC, and they went on alert until someone realized that it was only a game.

Betsy is in the intersession, a concentrated course. Be glad when she gets her PHD.

It is going to be an interesting fall, with the election. I think we may be seeing some latent sympathy for Clinton. Be interesting if Gore can keep doing well. Big money behind Bush. He won't say if he ever smoked marijuana, but will try to paint Gore as a hophead. Al Gore Sr. made most of his family fortune here in Kentucky, as president of Island Creek Coal in Lexington. My best friend's mother used to babysit for the Gores, they shared a duplex. The Gores were not always rich. She used to try to get us to go over to see Sen. Gore, we should have. I might have ended up Secretary of State! Island Creek was owned by Occidental, Armand Hammer. Ed Epstein wrote the last biography of Hammer, painted him as a nut and Lenin sympathizer. Wonder if Epstein would know the truth if he saw it?

Recently saw John Keegan, the eminent historian. Spoke at the high school auditorium across the street from my mother. I have been studying the SS and related subjects, of all things. Another best friend is one of the top unknown historians of WWII, we saw Keegan together. Very good speaker, he is also an expert on Custers Last Stand, as is my friend.

You never know who is an expert on something. I happened to pick up a book on the battle of Perryville, the biggest Civil War battle in Kentucky. Turns out it was written by a doctor who has an office in my subdivision.

Saw an Oliver Stone movie recently, "The Doors", a rock group. The singer was an alcoholic, but Stone even overplayed that. I don't think the word "subtle" is in Stone's vocabulary.

One of my visiting professors at UK was T. Harry Williams, from LSU. THE expert on the Civil War and Huey Long. Wish I had known about the King and Ray case at that time, I could have asked him if he had ever heard a rumor about Leander Perez and King. Williams was the guy who wrote the review in your files about the bio of Perez. He has been dead for several years. I think Hale Boggs papers are at LSU.

Take care and I'll write soon. Say HI to Lil!k

Bill



PS If you saw the Preakness from Pimlico Saturday, the guy painting the colors of the jockey on the post was Leroy Neiman, the artist the Jacobs (Buffalo Mob) told my father they "owned". He sells his originals for \$100,00 plus, but when the suckers try to resell them, they never get more than about \$8,000. A legal scam that has been written up in Barron's.