

5/18/77

Dear Les,

Having heard nothing from you for so long, especially not when you said I would, I presume you are busy in other ways.

If you will not have time to make suggestions about the notes for an outline I sent, okay, but please let me know. I should get to writing soon and I will have enough delays once I start.

This time of the year I also have work to do around the place. Except when there is bad air, which I feel. This work is good for me. And I enjoy it.

I also enjoy that ^lil has become adept at our new copier. Her estimate is that we have already recovered a seventh of its cost in what we have not paid out for the copies I provide Jim. You can get a notion of how many pages I now have from the statistics - we have made more than 10,000 copies in less than six weeks. Besides this we'd spent a junior-size fortune on commercial xeroxing.

We see other uses for and values in this apparently excellent machine.

Jim is back from a short trip out of town. We are in court on another case 9/25. I'm not sure when but after that he is away for a few days attending some prestigious judicial conference he'd ignored until the pressures to go reached from even his father's law-school dean's seat. When Jim is back Dave Wrone is coming to pick up some of my pre-World War II files on native nazis. Then I have to go to Dallas to gather some affidavits for still another law suit. As it now stands this will be about 6/10.

Other than a dental appoint^{ment} to which I'll take ldl the morning of the 27th, except for such short expeditions as grocery shopping I'll be home.

Someone told me the Noble show was aired and was effective. I'm anxious to get it all put together with Redditt.

There has been no reference to him or the Invaders or the sanitation strike, etc., in all I've read. I think that will change before long from a conference we had last Friday. Unless the hell I had to raise about incomplete and deliberately illegible copies ~~is~~ is resented enough for retaliation.

Most of this is pretty dull but there is an occasional goodie. My writing file is now more than 10 inches of goodies.

Finnest is they made an informer of Jerry Ray's penpal. The more he boasted and the more she reported the more they lapped it up, like it was for real. I had a hunch about this ^{long} ago and raised it with him by mail. He did not boast back about how he laid her. I've stayed out of touch with Jerry. I intend to.

Then there is J. Edgar Hoover reading lectures on civil rights to the liberal Vinson. And Clark, et al. No, not civil rights for blacks. For prisoners. In this case white.

There are what might be some good JFK assassination stories in some of those records I've obtained recently but I'm not soliciting interest. Well, good is not a ~~gum~~ proper choice.

If there have been any developments with Lane or his book or from his west-coast branch and possible disenchanteds I've not heard ~~it~~ of any. I've had one letter only on Code-Name Toto, from an authentic and nauseated scholar. No reporters inquiring since his press conference. I did hear Lifton on the Phil Donahue show. He thinks he is factual but he isn't.

Best,