

Dear Clay,

1/22/98

What you sent priority mail on the 13th got here yesterday only! And with the package entirely undamaged, in perfect condition, as all the plastic tape assured. I can only wonder how long it would have taken if you had not sent it with the assurance that it would be delivered in two days.

I thank you for it and for the good wishes in your letter.

I can no longer remember what I should about the manuscripts but there is one sign of the original: I've reused paper that can be reused ever since the 1973 energy crisis when we were told how much energy, in addition to wood, making paper consumes. Unless I ran out of used paper, the original is on the clean side,

I have just finished Falcing Kenned: The Dark Side of Sy Hersh. "uns about 300 pages. I've a foreword yet to do. I may think about that a bit.

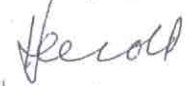
I have one reading job before I can get to what you sent. I wrote Waketh the Watchman some years ago, then an epilogue, and then the person to whom I sent it for typing never returned it. And I can't recall to whom I sent it. Sp, when the children of a friend had a little time and they offered to do it, I was pleased. Only for not much work they have taken about five months. I just got the last few chapters back. I'd read and corrected what they'd done earlier. I want to clean that up. The second epilogue was retyped by McKnight. When he read it he decided to. The mistakes I've picked up have not been corrected ^{but} if there is any use of it, the correction's won't present a problem.

Once I get that read and corrected I'll read what you retyped.

I wish that the condition of my heath were as good as you say but you are right on my determination to continue. I've done at least a half-dozen manuscripts, among many other things, since the last time the doctors gave me up. Got a belated report from the one who sent me ~~faxt~~ from the local hospital to Johns Hopkins by ambulance because he did not expect me to make it. Medicare does not ordinarily pay for transportation from one to another hospital. If Lil has not filed that or rather mailed it I'll enclose a copy. And I was not aware of any of that at the time. Except for the time I had trouble breathing.

If I can't get the Hersh manuscript retyped before you finish, I'll be happy to send it to you. You may not like my references to his writing technique in this book. I say it is ~~the~~ the Hersh-it method.

Thanks, best wishes, and have a good year,


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A quick note to let you know that I received your manuscript and am busy re-typing it. Please find enclosed your original manuscript that you sent to me for re-typing. I misunderstood that it was a copy of what you had and failed to send it because I did not realize that you wanted it returned. I will return the latest manuscript when I have re-typed it as well.

I started the latest manuscript last night and have finished the Foreword and am half way through the first chapter. Your latest manuscript seems to be an early generation copy and thus it is less difficult to re-type. I expect to have it finished and posted by the end of this month to no later than the first week in February.

I will be most interested in doing more re-typing of your manuscripts and would love to read the two you mentioned being in the possession of Dr. Knight.

I am happy to hear that you are still in relatively good health. I reviewed your diagnosis paperwork and note with an exception or two signs of old-age that you are maintaining a vigorous battle to the stalemate with the grim-reaper. That is good. I expect and want to be corresponding with you for another decade at least. The proper mental attitude is the best prescription for most of life's ailments.

This is a short note, so I will end it here to get your manuscript in the mail before noon.

With much admiration and respect,


Clay Ogilvie