

Dear Clay,

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As the enclosed indicates, I now have even more reason for not keeping things as straight as I could and once did. I had just placed the box that had what you had retyped and the rough draft where I sit in the living room when the phone rang and I went to the hospital yesterday. I'll get to that as soon as I now can and, when I'm iced in, there will be few possible external interruptions. When it is after 10 a.m. and the temperature on my office window is still not over 25 there is no chance of any thawing. I guess I'm less uneasy about til than I would have been because everyone at the hospital was so thoughtful and helpful. Her nurse said she is OK this a.m., which is good.

There was once a time when I had a photographic memory and I can tell a couple of stories about my demonstrations of it. As recently as late 1966. But there has been so much since then I no longer have even a good memory. It will be helpful if you can keep this in mind and not assume that I'll know what 20 years or so ago I would have known or remembered and that I do not have the rough drafts at hand. The copies I make are for security and with the space in my office exhausted they are almost all in the basement to which I do not have ready access. My copies also lack your corrections and comments. So it is better and faster if I have the rough drafts with your comments and corrections when I read the retyping.

I did not try to talk to til this a.m. because she was so knocked out yesterday but the nurse said she is going OK. I'm not even trying to recall who I know has a four-wheel drive, as I think McKnight does, because our lane is a smooth sheet of thin ice and even those vehicles can slip. But I am much more confident that otherwise I might have been by the thoughtfulness of all at the hospital and the time so many took and took voluntarily. But I do wish it would warm up a bit because I would like to get there. Years ago I had salt on hand, rather a salt substitute that did no harm but I can't use it now so when it was used up I did not replace it. So, I'm in until Nature decides otherwise.

Best to you both,

*Hardy*

In the Priority mail envelope were the rough draft of the preferatory remarks I made for Inside or for WW IV, I now do not recall which, with the page numbering beginning with xxii. But I do not have the pages i-xxi. Not that I know of. I do not have that before me now but there was also a short bit retyped along with the rough draft.