

Dear Clay,

1/27/99

Please excuse my carelessness in not letting you know that the Wedge ms. came Saturday. I've been so disconcerted by Lil's many problems that I did not even think to get the mail on Saturday, just forgot. <sup>W</sup>But it was there Monday when I opened the box to put outgoing mail in it.

The corrected <sup>Wedge</sup> copy that Dennis posted corrections from was not included so, particularly with my experience with the Twyman/Fetzer ms, I'd best read the copy you made and added to, for which thanks.

I missed <sup>a</sup> much, very much, when I first read the Twyman/Fetzer mess. When I started it this time my mind was not on it and I just read until I realized that there were many corrections to be made. To be made because I had not caught them on first reading. So, I've been reading that entire thing. I'm in Fetzer <sup>now</sup> and hopefully will soon be finished with it.

This morning I'll go see Lil and hope to be there when the neurosurgeon is there. He was pleased with what he saw yesterday when he looked at where he had operated on her spine. From there I go to the regular visit every three months to an internist who is also a critical care specialist.

Tomorrow a friend is going to drive me around on some visits to several <sup>W</sup>nursing homes and an assisted living place, the latter probably too costly for us. But I do not want Lil in the nursing home in which she was where they broke her hip by negligence and I fear that she may end up in such a place. I fear also that my dialysis is close and that means I'll be away most of three days a week. Lil can't possibly live alone those days. We'd like to find someone <sup>W</sup>who needs a home and would have living expenses paid plus a salary but my quest so far has not been encouraging.

The local hospital and that particular nursing home have some responsibility in this but the deck is stacked in any lawsuit and I wonder if there could be any interest in an amicable settlement without suit, one that would cover us on medical expenses not covered by Medicare, nothing for pain and suffering, etc. Something like this is in my mind but I've not discussed it with Lil. She only began to return to normal this past Saturday and still is not, I fear, in full contact with reality. I understand that confusion, loss of memory, etc, is not uncommon when blood is removed from the brain but it was a very disquieting couple of weeks and I fear all is not yet past.

Thanks and best,

Harold