

1/29/76

Dear Shirley,

My apologies for this delay. It was not on purpose.

Not only am I into too much but I've had to reduce the hours I'm awake drastically because of the lingering phlebitis.

The doctor avoids seeing me, oozes confidence and I see no progress after reaching a plateau, with occasional bad days, of which yesterday was one.

And I had to be off on a trip, to speak, for which I was paid, which enabled me to do more on that trip.

Lil, as you know, is into tax season and that keeps her more than busy.

Except that I am staying unproductively busy, which is not encouraging - just trying to keep up with what was started before this hit - there is little I can add except that I have to find some way of cleaning up three months of accumulation and getting back to writing.

When I'm not supposed to sit for too long at a time. Or stand in one place?

One of these was a carbon hence it did not come out as well.

We hope you, your fishes, your family and your hopes are all in good shape.

Best,

Her 3/30 + 4/3/68  
on Ruth Levine *unreadable*

