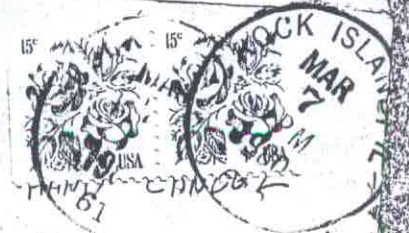


Dear Jim, I suppose Jerry Ray has finally broken off. As I've been indicating, I've been trying to get him to do this in the belief he'd feel better that way, with his sick ego. But he just didn't. Since I last wrote him I got and ignored two tapes and a ~~mi~~ letter. Finally, yesterday, I got another tape on which he'd scrawled on the outside of the envelope, "DONT ANSWER THIS LETTER AS I JUST QUIT." I suppose that what happened is that he had the tape in an addressed envelope and when he went to the post office and checked his box he found my last letter, so he just saved face with this childish printing on the envelope. I was pretty tired last night so I thought I'd listen to it. The first part is his account of his quitting his very good job to go down and help Stoner in his coming trial. He quotes Stoner as saying this will help Stoner with ~~XXXX~~ "patricitic people." Then I doze off and didn't hear the rest. Never anything in them anyway. He said that he'd go via St. Louis, where he is trading in his car, and Brushy, where he'll visit Jimmy, after a stop at Memphis and his "holy man." ...Carol thinks this crazy stuff is Jerry's idea of a joke. Maybe it once was but he has been serious and quite insane. HW 3/11/80

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