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Dear Harold,

Sorry I missed you when I called Thursday. We decided to postpone our drive down mainly because of the weather but also because I'm trying to shake a chest cold and my car has some minor problems that I want taken care of before I make the trip. We're going to wait for a weekend when there isn't a blizzard predicted. Hopefully that will be soon. Whenever we do decide on a specific date, I'll let you know.

As I'm sure Lil told you, Jim hasn't sent the transcript yet, so you might want to remind him.

Glad you got a CB, particularly a Midland, which is a very good rig. Now that you're officially a CBer, you need a "handle."

Re: Sprague and the Committee. The local talk shows have been unusually silent, including Cigna. Will keep listening though. I have a list of questions I want to ask you about the Committee. Having to depend, for the most part, on TV and local papers for information about it leaves me feeling very uninformed.

Re: Bennett of Hagoth Corp. I assume you've seen the stuff that Berkeley Enterprises' newsletter "PURSUIT" has printed on both Bennett and McDonald. That's how I found out about Bennett's \$10,000 reward. If for some reason you haven't seen it, let me know. My curiosity is aroused by the strange abnormalities of McDonald and his publishers. I'd be very interested in knowing what Howard's friend is able to find out about them. If he is unable to do any checking, let me know and I'll see what I can find out.

Best,

*Karen*

Dear Karen,

2/12/77

I was in Detroit taping the "ou Gordon show when your letter came, on Wednesday. It is early Saturday and I've just read the letter. I'll get to the clips later in the day. I'm getting so much that it is stacking up, just in documents. About 2,000 new ones still not read! Some are fantastic, those I read on the plane, and I'm sure there will be more now that the stuff is coming... My immediate purpose in writing you rather than catching up on the government mail, some of which I've not yet had time to read, is to ask you to please dub the tape on the Cigna show where Lane was boasting about how he got to see Ray. I guess it was about September and I think it was on the show he did by phone with Morrow in the studio. If you can find the time I'd appreciate your making a full tape and listening to it again and then stopping this and switching to that one subject when Lane gets to it and making a separate cassette of that. Lane then goes into how he would have like to use his bar credentials as a means of getting in and lamenting that the New York bar issues no such credentials. Once you have a separate cassette on this I'd appreciate your then completing the entire show for Jim. I forgot. I want this for Jim, who now has need of it. If you do not have time for both please try to find this spot and make a cassette of that alone for him. This really can be quite important right now.

If the Gordon show is aired in Pgh I'd appreciate a tape not so much to see how I did when I had to restrain myself but for some comments he made about the judges and an offer of help he also made.

The committee is coming apart in the most undignified manner. Some was inevitable. Sprague, whether or not deliberately, triggered Gonzalez' demand that he go. I think that if the committee continues both will be gone. I think now the odds are against a continuation and with them this suits me more than any alternative now possible.

Sprague spoke undiplomatically if not offensively about Gonzalez at a staff meeting. From here it is confidential until published by my source. Sprague the would-be bugger was himself bugged, a transcript was made and it was given to Gonzalez. Naturally he did not like it, particularly with all the criticism of Sprague in Congress.

Gonzalez is a light-weight anyway.

But this is how it all started.

You are wise to delay until the roads are better. All around here have been cleared fairly soon but there is a period when the side roads have to await the plows, which are on the main roads first. Our road has never been closed but the lane has been bad to now. With the current warm spell- it was 30 at 6 a.m. - probably the lane will be safe for Lil to walk in a day or two. It also is wise not to delay because of the chest cold. No reason to risk having it turn into something else.

Jim forgot the transcript. I'll remind him. I forgot to remind him earlier. He has arranged for a young lawyer to go over it for the selection of the allegations but that will not be until after the first of the month.

Well, if I needed a CBers handle it now could not be the obvious one, could it?

But I ~~wasn't~~ won't because my only interest in it really is for the emergency we hope there never is. Yesterday the rechargeable batteries and the recharged came and they are now in the set, which should have charged up over night. After Lil is awake I'll see. When the weather clears a friend is going to put an aerial on our TV mast. This should increase the range. However, handheld it reached Rt. 40, where the trucks are. I have a friend who was given one for Mas. Once when he left here were tested as he drove home. Once we have the aerial and a fixed place for it in the house and the weather breaks I may look for a good supercompact one to carry when I walk so Lil can page me. I don't mean one of the kid things but I do mean low-power and compact.

Thanks and we look forward to your being able to come. If I have to be away, and there are no such plans now, I'll let you know. We may start depositions in spectro 2/24 so maybe that would not be a ~~xxx~~ good weekend. Best to all,