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Dear Louis,

Shortly after your 9/5 came I was hospitalized. I've been home three days. I've not heard from Brogan.

First I received a plastic artery in the left thigh, groin to knee. Then it was necessary to go back in and remove the clots and perhaps other junk that broke loose and deposited lower in the leg. They say they got down to the ankle. The foot continues to give me trouble I do hope will pass off. I have no guarantees other than that I'll now be more limited in what I can do.

If you are still interested I suggest an interview as an alternative, especially if Brogan can come here and see for himself.

The amount of time required to overcome official resistance under FOIA in these delicate, essentially political matters, is incredible. What other time I may have I'd much prefer to use in writing about these records, what they hold and say.

Best wishes,



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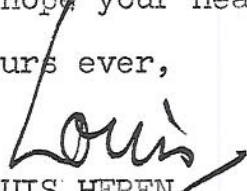
Dear Harold,

I am sorry we did not meet when I was in the United States, but as Ian told you I was working most of the time. I also took on the extra chore of following Anderson for three days which further reduced my vacation time.

I was fascinated by the details you gave concerning your use of the Freedom of Information Act. Clearly it will be difficult for you to do one article for us, although I think it is worth trying. I am writing to Patrick Brogan, our chief Washington correspondent, suggesting that he get in touch with you and work out the arrangements.

I hope your health will soon improve.

Yours ever,

  
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