Dear Diane,
Four letter of the 24 th, postmarked the 26 th, came this morning. But it has been a day that reminds me of Columbus $D_{\text {ay }}$, 1968, which you may or may not remember. Thore is nothing like a good line to help me remembur. So, I remombermie it and a trip into St. Tammeny's that followed.

There was this young woman in the coffee shop of a motel with three (shall I say?) gentimen. She said she could not romember a particular name. They she excused herself. axying aho had to 80 to "the little garl's rooms" I was a little surprised at this because she looked to we like a bigg girl, not a little girl. Anyway, ahe got through the doorway when sudienly she caro back, all smiles, to announce, VI remember the nome. It. is ieake."

And that was his name. Imaginel
The combdnationnx of the letter and the need for three tripa to complete one miasion for me did bring this back. It has been that kind of day. Phone, and Iil is not home todes.

40 , I did not get the letter that ineluded the picture you drew of ne. I have one, sort of a bespectacled lenight with a pen for a lance. But that was from what I believe for you was a hapiler day. Haybe you can draw it again. If Magnolia's mood - and yours - permit?

I wlah you could fi nd time, with all you have, to say why you ane in solitary and whyz you decided on a huxder strike. (I understand frum an expert that total abatention ddesm't work. He has a spocial, minimal liquid diet. He was near here one day, I went and got hin, and that was the day our Hixamater decided to strike. Le blends it all, honey and stuff.)

But if you haven't told me why you don't have to pay for room and board, I guess you'il have nothing to aay about why isolation. Or about the othor things I've been wanting to hear about.

However, a stamped envelope is enclosed. You'll have to croas out the return addrese and put in your own special durance vile.

You don t want to feel/ that after five days in the hole you are about to go crazy. I know a cat (different whisicers) who has been in solitary for a year and a half and he secuns to be percolating still. You can hack it. Where's that women's $11 b$ spirit?

Do you want mo to argue with the new lawyer who aays you are crazy and wante you to may so in court so lee can shift you to the funny farm? If you have had $\$ 160,000$ lada on you and you are in the hole and you wan't do that little thing, ipso facto, you gotta be oraky! Beaides, aren't you? If you weren't, would you be whore you are. Why waste it? If you don't want be ngywither else, aren ${ }^{1} t$ y you bananas?

Of cource, not knowing eithor the charged or the diagnoses, from the gut who kept losing Hercedes radiator adornments to Rees, I can't have a more sciontific opdoion. Nor do I know what the "time" there would be. For ne one day would be too muchl

If you need anything, like a little radio or something to read, let ma know.
And if you dongt hoar from $\mathrm{N} . \mathrm{O}_{0}$, it seems that Comick beat Jim, who is hollering "foul" and demedning recount. Doesngt everyone down there? And aren't they all crooked counta, or otherwisecrooked?

I didnft know how to wish you a "Herry Cbriatmas" and I can't do any better with a Hiappy Hew Year." Cuess the best I can do is hope that things improve some and that you can keop it all tofether.

We've got some rather attractive $X_{\text {mas }}$ tree decorations on a saven-loot white pine. Several were once Hasonite. Bet I've got the only Masonite ornements in the statel The rest of the decorations are older than the artist who made them. They'll come off before it is planted. With hope.

Dear herod,
Christmas sue greetings from solitary confine went where lem about to go crazy.
love been on hangar strike for 5 full days but broke down today aud ate my plate of beans like the starved animal live become.

Did you yet the lefter i sent you with the picture of drew of you on it? You never answered it that's what caused the lull in our communication d'mglad that you write to we now as mail means a lot to me back here in this roach infested hole. st's hard to concentrate back here because Magnolia kinks these metal walls and sarpaus bloody murder, so much. She also throws me a cigar three times a day so what the frock.

Yeah! ! g guess you could soy lm really, snowed in O.K oud olin what a blizzard it is too.
live been locked up 5 months your and probabble wont get out of solitary for austher six.
2. wish is could be up there throwing snow bells at ya right now. ill make ty yet.
e got hotshot again as a laweger Ate's not much of a lawyer but he's sweet and honest. He waits ne to get a psychinatrí probation where vel have to do time in the finny farm. He thinks dim crazy, Everybody thinks ilmerazy now.

Please kemp witting me even though you might not always get an answer. Envelopes and paperare hard to get' from solitary and they won't let anyone send us zug. So write on.


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