

2-18-73 p.m.

Dear Pal,

Just got finished writing the Warden's secretary and asking her to put Tampax on the commissary list. I'm going to save anything else I have to say about this place (and that's lots) for after my release. We

have a new sheriff + warden who really want to clean it up, but how can they solve a problem if they don't know what it is? I'm also getting ready to ask you to try + do me one hell of a big favor that will cost you only thought and 8¢. Explanation first! Since I've been a full time resident in this jail I've gotten involved in some serious writing. It comes out so easy for me now, I don't even have to do drafts (at all). I've done it all on factual topics all for other people + they've all really dug it to put it mildly. Having absolutely no access to research material or even a dictionary I've had to use my imagination to full intensity. I want to send you some to criticize + maybe edit for me. I know that pen and sweat + is hard to read anyway. I want you to write to the Warden or Sheriff here + ask them to let me have a good ball point pen, legal tablets (we can't order them from commissary anymore) and some long stamped envelopes. Tell them I want them to deduct the cost from my account here. (I do have enough to pay for it) Tell them I do not plan on sending out any bad information about this jail, BUT ONLY AFTER release I would like to make a private appointment with them to discuss some of the bad problems in here away from the warden's + other inmates. I have some good ideas that they might be able to use + I've had psychology in college, and understand how + why things happen + that since it is their problem which I sincerely believe they'd like to solve themselves I think it would help if they know what it consisted of. Tell them I'm also in isolation which I consider the best thing that could

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2) have happened to me since my arrival here & desire very much to stay isolated. Tell them that being in isolation, no one would be able to steal my ball point from me or even ask me out of it. Also, I don't see how a pen could be considered a lethal weapon when even the other inmates in here consider pencils much more deadly. Tell them that if this request gets denied, I would understand completely being an inmate in here like everyone else, & certainly don't expect any special privileges. Harold, you being a professional writer (which you'd better also tell them) might be able to convince them. Send me a copy of your letter to them in the same delivery. The new sheriff had the warden so I guess he's the one to write to. If you mention any of the bad things I've written you about this place, then they'd know I've sent it out. The new sheriff doesn't want to hang for the mistakes the old one made & is paranoid about it. Mazel Tov! Pal

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Harold, I've really gotten into writing and would like to get into more after my release from here & stay with it long and heavy if you think I've got any chance at all. If I would be able to make some money at it, then good, I could use it to help others with. As long as I can feed, shelter myself modestly & have something half way decent to write with, I'd be more than happy. Mr. Scott would sure be surprised to get a letter from me that he wouldn't have to strain so hard to read (especially since he digs on them so much). He never told me that but both people did. I've got something in my head, real important to put on paper that will require lots of time to write. I want to write it all down decently first and mail it to you after it's completed maybe 6 sheets at a time in long envelopes so it won't have to be folded up so much & be thicker like in our shorter envelopes here. It concerns mainly

[3] Democracy, how the idea of free enterprise was a good one to start with but now day is all based on greed. What the people that really care can do about it, I also have one which is a really "Eulogy for Justice" which I would like to do first and as soon as possible too. I also want to do one on sex too. And if you yourself have any more good ideas, send them. Just bear in mind that I don't have access to research material in here & that whatever it will concern will come straight from my head & heart. Keep in touch with Mr. Scott, but bear in mind that he is more than busy than most lawyers & might be slow in answering. (That's without my ulcerous case too.) You two definitely have to get together, it would be instant love. I'll have to tell you sometime soon how I heard about him & all about the person that told me. It'd interest you lots - that story. Send me your area code and phone number so I can call you (sorry if it has to be collect - but will reimburse later) from the emergency room at the hospital. I'm going to when I get out, after I seduce somebody on the way, none of which will take very long. I just hope I have a good looking blonde man waiting for me downstairs soon. That's a wet dream all in itself. Jesus, don't tell Mr. Scott. Also I need the names of those organizations to write to, if you would be willing to also send them a letter from your end. Great! but not if it will put you out. I will pay them all back as I can, & it will definitely get done if I have to work my butt off for the rest of my life to do it & live on peanut butter sandwiches (which I love & miss) Mr. Scott needs some \$ to work with & is beginning to grow disillusioned. I've only received your one 1st letter to me so far in here, so figure you are busy. Sometimes they forget about me back here too.

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