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Dear Hal,

Like four years ago today with Joe. Remember, I was to do 10 minutes and it went three hours? I was to have done 1 hour today. I feel it not a good reaction, but it tired me. Joe was great, as he always has been to me.

I was going to write him to thank him. When I looked in my book, I found I do not have his Brann St. address, nor his home phone. Then it came back to me that when my room was entered once in N.O. that book disappeared. I no longer have his home address and phone, and were I to write him at the studio I suppose it would get treated like a fan letter. So, when you talk to him again, please thank him for me, especially for that fine complement at the end (I wish I could regard myself as a Zola, as either a writer or in impact). Sometime I'd like it if he could say what there was no time for me to add, that France was better off for it. So will this country be, when these miscarriages are acknowledged, when there is justice, the guilty brought to book. Most people do not stop to think of it, but this is how society is strengthened, not weakened; how government earns the confidence of the people, not the opposite.

The woman who phoned in is very nice, and perhaps what she has in mind will work, but I am inclined to think it will not. They have a small press, with four-page sigs. This, after printing, would require the collating of 120 sigs, by hand, for each book. Seems like close to a mechanical impossibility and an enormous amount of hand work. But I'm game for anything.

If you heard the show, you know what John is up to. His friend is supposed to tell me how to get in touch with him.

Harv left a kind message with Megan, the producer, as did sweet Charlie Brown.

I know nothing about Joe's new show, but unless he has changed, is it not unusual for one guest to do the whole thing and for so much dialogue without the phones, at the beginning? I ask this to get my own appraisal of the impact on him. He is one of the more tough-minded in his business, and if he made that much of a departure from his standard format, he had to feel he had something, as I see it. I'd also like your opinion, Paul's, etc., what you think and what, if anything, you may hear.

I'm tired. Thanks again, best to everyone, esp Harv et al and Charlie, in case Megan didn't give them my best.

Sincerely,