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Dear Jim,

A tiring day often encourages me to catch up on correspondence. Dentist, lawyer and an unexpected and rather pleasant and productive conference with one of my paracid friends consider "the enemy".

Update: hearing on motions to dismiss, spectro case, Monday. They have committed the (to date) ultimate ~~stupid~~ stupidity, so gross it makes me feel they consider the judge fixed. On the law we should win. I've sent a copy out to one of us with xeroxing facilities (I no longer use Paul, though I remain in touch) who will redistribute. Eventually, one will get there. Knowing I had to go to DC today and not trusting the lawyer to do any work-he's been out of town for 10 days and is booked up every working day before trial when he gets back- I did a very nasty analysis, still unread, and left it there. Enclosed copy please give to me when you see him for him to give to Paul after he reads it. Also, my favorite adversary, Kleindienst, has put me in a position to file two more suits, but I've decided to add these two with the drafted Ferrie complaint, where they are relevant and meanwhile I've filed formal appeal with Mitchell. I have managed to keep initiative and intend to. I'm going to ask the judge in the first case to find government in contempt and enjoin against stalling and lies. Partly drafted. I think I'll do it in the form of a show-cause order, to which I think they'll have to respond - to a catalogue of their lies! In court (if granted).

Glad to hear about me, except for the unemployment. When he gets settled, I suppose he'll send his address.

Next to the last time I was out there, I went to lunch with Jonn Christian in Chinatown. We went into an arcade on the right-hand side, going down hill, in a relatively modern building with a very modern (nice view) restaurant-lounge on the top floor. In the shop closest to the street, or one of those closest I got my wife Chinese ladies trousers or whatever they call them and a Chinese jacket. Lately she has taken to wearing them, finding them comfortable on cool night. If Jenifer ever gets into that area, I'd appreciate it if she could ascertain the cost ~~was~~ of one of each of decent quality today. If I can, I'd like to get another set for Xmas. Please do not ask her to make a special trip or anything like that. Wish I could remember the name. Jolie's comes to mind but is wrong. And they mail, for I mailed that package, which preceeded me home.

Instead of working tonight, while I await a call from our friendly local FBI agent (I have a source inside the Minutemen and want to give him something), I think I'll read the Esquire nastiness on Kaiser.

Best to you both,

6 November 1970

Dear Harold:

There is no time now to answer your good letter of Oct. 19, but I can report that Hal is back. Actually he got back on Oct. 21, to find his firm was laying off people, including himself. He tells us this situation soon was clarified to the extent that he could not hope to be taken back until the first of next year, if then, because of the general business slump. He says, and we believe him, that his trip to Europe had nothing to do with it, that he would have been laid off anyway.

We had begun trying to reach him by telephone beginning around the 15th, and did not manage to do so until last Monday, Nov. 2. He had been out looking for work, of course, and not finding it.

In any case we arranged to go over to Oakland last night, where we took him to dinner and cleared up a few things, although not many.

He had a wonderful time in Europe, this is clear. He met Cheryl in Munich, they rented a car and drove down through Switzerland, along the French and Italian Rivers to Genoa, then back up through Verona, ~~Innsbruck~~ Innsbruck and Salzburg and back to Munich.

She stayed on in Munich and now has gone to work for the U.S. Army there on the basis of her Civil Service rating. Doesn't like the work, but is having the fine time a young and beautiful American girl can have in such a setting. She does some modelling. Hal is frankly disappointed she wasn't willing to marry him and come back with him, but understands why she doesn't want to make any commitment now. He told us a little more about her which clears up a few things. Her parents were divorced when she was a child or young teenager, and she herself has been married and ~~is~~ divorced. In other words, gunshy, and for good reason. Her mother was Jewish, which accounts for her poise and impeccable manners. You were correct, we think, in your diagnosis of a quest for a father figure, and we can all happily say goodbye to our direst forebodings. She's the nice girl she seems, just scared of getting mired down in another nasty domestic situation. She's 27, by the way, considerably older than she looks.

If Hal is hurt he does not show it. He is disappointed, as I said, but we're not sure he really expected much better. Right now he is preoccupied with looking for a job, is having to move out of his apartment (he plans to move in with some friend in San Francisco) to reduce expenses, and trying to catch up on things he has let slide for a month, like correspondence. He's quite penitential that he hasn't written to you, which he volunteered without our bringing it up in any way.

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He knows in general that we have been writing back and forth, since he has the stuff from you that we forwarded to him. But he of course does not know we've been discussing him, and I can only suggest that aside from the fact that he's been in Europe anything he tells you will be news to you.

I should add that Hal seems much refreshed from his trip to Europe. He obviously enjoyed it very much, and seems somehow younger. Even with the jobless situation on his mind, he seemed more relaxed and open than we had seen him before. He's much concerned about finding a job, but suprisingly confident that he'll find something. In general he plans to get along on unemployment compensation if he has to, then after the first of the year do what he did once before, work for an income tax advisory outfit run by a friend of his. But what he really wants to do is to find a job more along his own line before then. For the time being, he seems to be doing okay.

I think that about brings you up to date. I do have a few things to say in reply to your letter of Oct. 16 which might be of some interest to you, but that will have to wait until I have more time.

Best from us both,



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