

Dear Jim,

8/19/79

Thanks for the info on Richard Call(s) and the Mother Jones.

You did not exaggerate about the review of the book on Bill Graham. It is great!

Bob Katz is a nice young fellow. I'm sorry he had to saddle the entire left with responsibility for Lane - more than he could think this way. I last saw him when we lunched at the Boston airport last winter when I had an appearance ~~xxxx~~ near Boston. He was working on the piece then.

We are affidaviting again. I've done the draft of one addressing an attempt to beat Lonar out of counsel fees in the transcript case. I've caught the CIA as what I believe is overt fraud but with the three-monkeys justice noted out by three-monkeys judges I may do no more than infuriate the judge by making him face realities.

Because the judge is unpredictable I decided to cut it in half and reverse the halves. I hope it does not disjoint it. Lil is reading it prearatory to retying it. (What a job she has with the kind of copy I give her!)

I'm resting from some tough mowing on a hot, sticky day. As I look up and out the office window over the pool I feel good at what I see. That entire area is now cleared. All the dead branches are off the pines as high as I can reach and every bit of the trimmings is disposed of, either in mulch or stacked for firewood. I have about three ricks each more than 10 feet long and five feet high, mixed small pieces and chunks of sizes up to requiring splitting. Each cart I've dragged uphill to where it will be on the level for the winter's bad weather knocked me out, as it does now for a while. But I've kept at it and in the future I'll be able to use the tractor and trailer as long as the ground is not wet. It has little traction, actually, for 10hp. I've got the area clear enough now.

We got our Timberline fireplace stove installed this week and it doesn't look bad. My next neighbor Paul seems to like it enough to be thinking of getting one for himself. With Good Earth News saying that a cord of seasoned hardwood is worth \$175 in heat when oil is .65 a gallon this will pay for itself in no time and I'll be better off for the exercise. ... I'm expecting Paul to spend a couple of hours felling trees for me because I get dizzy when I bend over. If he can and the weather holds I'll have the winter's supply stacked before I need any. And it can dry better, which reduces creosote deposits in the chimney.

I presume this thing is not as efficient as a modern, high-efficiency wood stove but it is solid, airtight and has baffles for recycling and burning the products of initial combustion. Modern air-tight stoves, of European, probably initially Scandinavian design, are fantastic. They can heat an entire house adequately.

Mike Mao's son by his first marriage is allowed to leave China and come to the U.S. There are some paper details to be worked out. He appears to have been sent back to the farm from his factory job or from school during the cultural revolution. Naturally enough Mike is looking forward to his coming. He knows no English. I've suggested to Mike that records for learning the language from Chinese may be available. Do you know or have you any other suggestions the son can follow here in Frederick?

Your comments on what Mike told me about the gold bribe required for leaving Wf are interesting. Surprising how much Mike picks up from the two (both sides) Chinese papers he gets. They are often ahead of the news I see on some matters.

Little news here. Guess Dave is getting ready for the fall semester, as the locals are. As of the time he was here his bibilo. was being retyped.

Lil is accumulating WxPost and other clips I suppose she'll be sending soon.

Best,

14 August 1979

Dear Harold:

A couple of days ago I sent you, third class, a copy of the latest issue of Mother Jones, a leftish mag published here, a sort of latter day Ramparts. The cover story is on Lane, by a member of the AIB, and I felt you'd want to see it. Also sent a copy to Dave, so don't bother to forward it to him.

Also in the same issue of Mother Jones is a review of a new book on Billy Graham. Don't miss this review, one of the best I've read in years. It'll make you feel good.

I visited that office near Hospice of Marin the other day to look for Richard Call in other Bay Area phone books besides SF and Oakland. Somehow those for the peninsula were missing, but in a couple of books for Contra Costa County (both fairly recent) I found a couple of Richard Calls.

From the book for east Contra Costa:

Call, J. Richard & Patricia (415) 689 0645
20 Mount Emory Ct., Clayton CA 94517

From the book for West Contra Costa (Richmond etc):

Call Richard (415) 223 2815
4250 San Pablo Dam Rd.
El Sobrante, CA 94803

El Sobrante is just east of Richmond, next to Albany.

Clayton is east of Martinez and Antioch, on the northeast slope of Mt. Diablo, almost to the San Joaquin County line.

Probably true, what Mike Miao told you about easy Viet Nam exit visas costing 5 ounces of gold (that'd be around \$1,500). The figure often quoted is \$2,000. As usual, this is a complex question. One of the basic facts is that around 90 per cent of the current boat people are ethnic Chinese, meaning they may have been in Vietnam for generations and never have been fully assimilated but still consider themselves Chinese. This means they are unreconstructed capitalists, and it is as easy to understand the Hanoi government's willingness to get rid of them (and collect a little hard currency in the process) as it is to visualize the reluctance of the refugees themselves to go to the People's Republic or a corresponding reluctance on Peking's part to accept them in such droves. Nowhere in Southeast Asia or the Pacific Islands have such Chinese colonies been assimilated except in Hawaii, where they become Americanized by the second Generation just as they do here on the mainland.

Also, I picked up an item from Seven Days recently which said much of that \$2,000 for an exit visa goes to ethnic Chinese middlemen in Vietnam who make the arrangements. A lot of these ethnic Chinese were in the Saigon government, and some even are supposed to be in influential positions in Hanoi. One thing that seems clear is that Hanoi is paying a price in skilled manpower by either driving the people out or letting them go. But given the current relations with the People's Republic, one can understand Hanoi's policy to a certain extent.

All fine here, and the best to you both,

Jim jdw