

Dear Ed, with a few minutes before leaving to pick up Lil up, something I should have told you. Penthouse totally silent. This was the probability in any event. However, I also think there was a better, if still not good, prospect with a longer letter that had more elements of potential appeal to those who, regardless of pose, are essentially without principles. It defies logic and experience and it was hard for me to learn, but this is a subject on which what is generally true does not obtain. To me the touchstone on these people, aside from the kind of journal they turned out, was that they could and did go for O'Toole and his kind. These types are impervious to the simple, rational and logical as they are to any reasonable offer of the solid. I have been reduced to providing what they could have used with success and profit to a scandal sheet. Perhaps when it appears, you may want to chide Penthouse? You'll probably see it before I do. Until someone sends it to me, I don't expect to see it or them again until the anniversary. Their photographer left today. It is one of the more significant purloined letters. If it is messed up and you want copies, I'll then provide them. Until then I have been asked to give no details to anyone. Best, HW 9/12/73