

5/1/9911 a.m.

When I sat down to type a memo I notice that there had been alterations in the typewriter which I have not been able to use since early March. When I then looked around I saw that what was never disassembled as I usually use the typewriter was visible on the left side of the carriage. On looking around on the floor near it I found the pieces that had been broken off. Why anyone would want to get into the works on the typewriter I can only guess. When the typewriter felt funny and I dealt the short feet on which it rest, the one in the left front was loose and not made fast again. When I called to Clay Ogilvie who is here so he could see this he said that ~~nothing~~ other things do not seem as they had been.

Clearly someone entered the locked house and did these things and perhaps more. This means that there could have been stealing.

I notice also that the paper tray has been moved. It is on the left edge usually and was moved onto the desk by several inches.

I notice also that all the pens and pencils that had been in trays and on the desk are gone. This suggests childishness but how could a child get into the house.

I am not making any search to learn more.

Dear friend ,

This is to explain your not having heard from me and to say thanks to so many of you.

As many of you know, Lil has been in the hospital or a nursing home for all but two weeks since the middle of last October. Early ^{last month} ~~this morn~~ I went to the hospital with pneumonia. It was then decided the time had come for me to start dialysis for kidney failure. I understand that is forever. I am awakened for that four a.m. Monday, ~~Thursday~~ ^{Wednesday} and Friday and ~~am~~ ^{do} not get back to the nursing home until after one p.m. aside from weakness and ~~at~~ my illegible handwriting it is one of the things that keeps me from responding personally.

Home on a brief visit ^{could} to a friend can copy some of my materials I have discovered that in my absence someone entered the house and very crudely played with this typewriter and broke some of it. In reassembling it some parts were misplaced. This was done ^{so} crudely I wonder if it was a professional job. Or a professional job that was done so crudely to suggest that it was not a professional job.

We both want to thank you for your help and for the kind wishes we are not able to respond to as in the past.

Gratefully,

Harold Weisberg