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Dear Js,

I have just about enough time for this note before ~~waking~~ waking Lil. I have two purposes in sending you the attached unread draft of a section of the epilogue I will add to the too-long POST MORTEM to cover the current flap, which could not be more perfectly designed to further validate the content and doctrine of the work.

I'd appreciate your opinions on the extensive references to urine, Lattimer's one specialty. I'd have preferred to dare the risk of two four-letter words instead. It is so appropriate to the whole stinking operation! But I want not to overdo it.

And I'd like Jim Lawrence's opinion on whether or not my use of his name could hurt him with CBS. He is a great guy and a first-rate reporter. Young enough to be our son, he yet feels of the traditions and obligations of reporting as we do. He extended many kindnesses to me when he was IN LA, often, for example, meeting me at the airport even during working hours, or taking me to the plane. I'd like to credit his integrity but I'd like also to run no risk of hurting him. And I feel with the new reasons to consider recent interest in my phone it would be better if he got this from me without my postmark. One from your state, with or without return address, would attract no attention.

Matter of fact, for the third time that I can recall, the mode of operation on my Concord 330, which is directly wired to my office phone, was changed. I never use it in this mode and it is a physical impossibility to switch it into that mode by accident.

I'm feeling better, and this morning I could actually button all my buttons without help from Lil. Yesterday I found I could handle a cup and a small thermos with my left hand. I've stopped taking the double doses of tranquilizers and pain-killers prescribed for bedtime and have slept very well for me. In fact, I fell apart as you two do on returning from your personal far side last night. There was what promised to be an interesting National Geographic special on TV, on the remaining natives of "indinao. So, after supper I sat down with a glass of wine to relax and look at it. I saw maybe 20 minutes of it and fell so sound asleep I was unaware of anything until about 11. It took me some time to be able to even walk straight! Don't know why I was so groggy. But in bed I fell right to sleep and slept until about 5.

X I don't know if you have any interest in this Lattimer stuff, but if you do I will have the tape of his Long John Show and Wecht's response, which I couldn't hear because a CDN friend who I had backgrounded phoned me then to tell me of the interview he had just had with Wecht. If there is a tape of Lattimer at CBS I will have it. I taped this a.m. TV news appearance. And my conversations with Graham. If I can't find one locally, I may ask you to get me a Sony patchcord. The Concord has a Japanese plug for input and output. I tape from the phone on the Concord. The Sony plug should fit its jack and I could this have direct connection between the machines, which should give better quality than sound recording. The cord that came with the Concord has a built-in attenuator, for use in taping from radio. I remember well your injunction about Sony's cute trick in varying the depth in the jack.

If the mail is not heavy today I'll get back to further writing. I should be able to finish what I have in mind today and then if I have not heard from Graham by tomorrow I'll send him the questions I forecast and begin writing the first part of the epilogue.

If Lil has not responded to your nice note, it is because she has started the season with a heavy load, beginning with a poor retired schoolteacher who made so many mistakes in his taxes in the past several years he now has close to \$3,000 to cough up and she is trying to figure out ways of reducing it within the law. She also had lots of other stuff dumped on her. Ordinarily the beginning of the season is a time when she can take our books to the office and begin computing our taxes.

Best,

