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Dear Harold:

We're extremely sorry to hear about your illness, but much encouraged by your description of the doctor's diagnosis and your own description of your symptoms and the relative absence of pain. We hope very much that you'll still be able to do the minimum necessary to take care of things and not overdo at the same time. This is no time to be benched.

We note with much interest your developing deals with the NY Times and Sen. Schweiker. Let's hope. Both sound much more promising than earlier prospects we can recall.

To follow up briefly on my last note, The Two continue to get fairly steady coverage in the local press, and Newsweek (issue dated today) has a full page on them. He turns out to be a minister's son and She a former nurse. Both have minor police records, nothing very serious but enough to make them vulnerable and a familiar target to anyone in the disinformation field who might want to use them and their peculiar appeal and contacts. The point is, this particular field of disinformation was being exploited fully years before the assassinations and Watergate. It was in this field that the techniques and possibilities were worked out, I believe by the same or similar experts. The present effort, if it is that, seems primarily directed toward assigning anything connected with UFOs to the realm of the ridiculous. But, as I mentioned earlier, it could have a much broader and long-range political purpose by laying the groundwork for a sweeping religious movement powered by the enormous romantic implications of UFO association. Never underestimate the appeal of the UFO idea. We may be sure that the disinformation people do not.

Last we heard, you were leaving yesterday on your trip. We hope not only that you were able to go, but that it turns out well and that you're able to take things easy enough not to impair your recovery. Take care of yourself.

Best from us both,

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