

Dear Jim,

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

You did not exaggerate about the review of the book on Billt 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 that he could think this way. I last saw him when we lunched at the Boston airport last winter when I had an appearance ~~near~~ 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 Lesar out of counsel fees in the transcript case. I've caught the CIA is what I believe is overt fraud but with the three-monkeys justice meted out by thre-monkeys judges I may do no more than infjriate 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 retyoing 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 rground 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 .83 a gallon this will pay for itself in no time and I'll be better \$ff 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 effecient as a modern, high-effeciency 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 Scandana-vian design, are fantastic. They can heat an entire house adequately.

Mike Miao'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 vribe required for leaving VN 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 new here. Guess Dave is getting ready for the fall semester, as the locals are. As of the time he was here his biblio. was being retyped.

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

Best,

