

Bear Jim,

11/1/79

Lil and I both felt very good after reading your letter of the 28th this a.m. It is a wonderful thing you do and you should feel fine about it. Details of the kind you give are new to us and add meaning to what we'd assumed. The time it takes is more than worth it in the ~~good~~ good it does for those in great distress.

Thanks for the good advice for Mike when his son gets here. I saw him today but did not mention it. Neither of us will forget it. There has been an unexplained delay. We drafted and redrafted a letter for him and took it to him. There is no problem in China. His son has the passport and is in Shanghai awaiting a U.S. paper of some kind.

If making logs from paper doesn't require another machine I am interested in knowing how because getting the paper to the junk yard is sometimes a problem, as is storing it until I have a load.

We had much severe tree damage several weeks ago when we had a heavy, wet snow while the trees were in full leaf. I doubt any of the poplars escaped harm. And the larger of the two mimosas near the house has to come down - piece by piece, from the top! For this we have a tree man who was booked up for two months. Gives an idea of the great damage hereabouts. Skyling Park in the Shenandoah lost 25% of its trees.

My neighbor Paul, the one who lives at the end of the lane, took some that were no problem down for me and I've been working - for me now - hard getting caught up on them. All that does not weigh over 100 lbs is up at the house. I'll have to split the larger hunks where they are first.

We have used no other source of heat thus far. While the days have not been bad and some have been balmy, nights are below 40 and have been down to 25. I'm using the poorer wood first, saving the better stuff for the rougher weather. It is a source of satisfaction, too, even though I have other than muscular reactions sometimes.

Glad you made no mention of what I told you about Lil. She has a strange attitude toward such things, one I can't explain. The neurologist discharged her last week. The EEG showed it was not a stroke. She says of what lingers that her head is not clear. But she seems to have all her faculties and is otherwise OK.

Spoke to Dave and Guth about a week ago. Guth was much impressed by you. I'll let Dave, who had not heard from you, know that you are well and busy. He had told me that Elizabeth and David had gotten a present for me. It came today, an album of the Smithsonian jazz collection! Wonderful!

Dave and Deloyd have about wrapped the bibliography up. This is what we spoke about when they called. Much work but a worthwhile project.

Lesar is in Singapore visiting his in-laws. Last time the medics there took his appendix out when he passed a kidney stone so I'm looking forward to his safe return.

The clippings did include stories I'd not seen. I didn't even know that Garry finally made that charge against Lane. I agree. It is typical of Lane. A dangerous and very sick man. He's finished his Jonestown book and the case he is on in N.O. is Orest Penass. He and two of his brothers are in a mass arrest having to do with bribery over prostitution. More than 100 male and female prostitutes were arrested in a mass swoop in the Quarter. Whatever the facts, I predict Lane will take the line that this is ~~xxxx~~ merely the latest part of the Government's JFK conspiracy.

Orest flipped out years ago. He had enough money to live straight and more than comfortably. He admitted being worth 1/3 million at his bond hearing.

Our best,

