

Dear Jim,

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We were glad to hear from you and to get another good report. Thanks in particular for the update on Libby. She appears to be a remarkable woman and I think you are each good for the other, particularly at this juncture in your lives. I wish her well with her book. The concept suggests that it should be helpful to many others who find themselves in the situation in which she was, particularly those who have no Jim at hand.

What you saw on the shift in the weather pattern we also saw, the same or a similar explanation. Our drought is partly broken by an abrupt and radical change. We had only about an inch, but that helps much. Some of my neighbors are drilling new wells, which is exceptional in the winter for an old house. From below freezing the temperature soared to over 60 and then dived to near zero. It is below freezing now but rising. With a bright sun I may go out later to pick up a book, if my back eases off. I finally got the new Jobst support. Dr. Hufnagle told me to get flat on my back and stay that way for two days before trying to put it on, to give the swellings a change to reduce, but that triggered the first back lower-back attack I've had in years. Kept me up most of the night but I've got the damned thing on and it is too tight only where I feared, where I'm having most trouble, in the foot. Contrary foot, instead of reducing, engorged more!

This is the first time our stove is out since after the surgery I was able to tend it. I'll await the easing off of the back before I start it up again. Makes a vast difference in the fuel bill and the exercise is good for me. I get little enough now!

Going over your scrapbook must be an interesting project. Are you sure you want to throw most of it away? Might some not be of interest to Dave?

I'm staying busy enough in the same ways. Each time I think I've worked to where I can begin to reorganize my King files so I can begin to write the FBI dumps something on me and I have to get to that. Latest was some 6,000 pages of records pertaining to the non-destruction of records and some of the wild ones they've accumulated and kept. Each of these things means another affidavit of a detailed memo for Jim Lasar, and all the time I have is consumed by them.

Odd thing about those MASH reruns around here. They are, as you can remember if you saw the movie, as I didn't, anti-war and effectively so. In Washington they are on the station with the most reactionary ownership, twice a day, and each has the highest ratings for each period. The station is an inde, not a net affiliate. One Baltimore station has them six days a week also. As reruns of reruns they keep high ratings. Good that such a message keeps an audience. Me, I soak my feet to it!

Sorry you can't get more of the good PBS fare. I don't take time for it but it provides much entertainment for Lil.

Thanks for the OK on passing your China report around. You undervalue it.

Our best,



P.S. As of last night's report from Lesar, the FBI is striving for new ways to stone-wall what they now have to deliver, the Dallas records they held back and the Dallas files on the critics, plus their deMohrenschildt file and the tapes of their interceptions of Marina, which didn't interest me. I've told them I don't want transcripts, that summaries will suffice.

Marina is a bitch on wheels, or was then, but the FBI was bitchier. They bugged her home and taped her phones and then disclosed her most intimate conversations with her women friends. Even her nocturnal sexual fancies. And her justification for laying her then business managed, ⁴⁴ Martin, who was married. The FBI caught her at it, in Washington yet.

Pretty miserable specimens to disclose such stuff and I have no interest in it. I am interested in the fact that they bugged and tapped and what else was important to her and others then.