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Dear Harold:

Herewith some stuff that should be on its way to you.

The story about Ford's book may or may not come to anything, but I thought you'd be interested.

The piece from the Times on EMK brings out an angle I hadn't seen before and which might some day help to explain things he does and doesn't do.

I've also included Raznikov's latest offering in Pacific Sun, and direct your attention to his reference to you on page 8. This one may raise ~~xxxxxxx~~ your blood pressure even higher.

In a recent memo to Lesar ~~xxxx~~ regarding the Hoch-Scott plans for an anthology, you mention that you don't recognize someone named Stettler. This is probably Russ Stettler (maybe only one t, I've never seen it spelled out) who is among the several people like Banning Garrett who operate an East Bay news service called Internews. I've seen nothing to describe their operation, but KPFA uses a lot of their live news feeds (voice on tape) and from these I infer that they cull neglected angles from off-beat services like Reuters and Agence France Presse, plus some diligent monitoring of various national radiocasts like Peking, Havana and a lot of capitals in Africa, and do a very good job of backgrounding the news carried by the establishment agencies like AP and UPI and NYTimes etc, plus developing the important angles which the establishment outfits deliberately overlook, neglect or play down. They've done an excellent job in balancing the news from Vietnam, frequently quoting broadcasts from Hanoi and the PRG's liberation radio. Apparently they sell this stuff to other local news stations, and may have some customers who take some of it via long-distance. In any case, they've done some valuable work, and if Stettler is representative of them you shouldn't have to worry too much about him.

Glad to have your mailings of May 3 and 5, both of which seem to make it clear that you simply worked yourself to a frazzle and succumbed to pneumonia and pleurisy before anything else was able to take hold. The way you describe what happened to your heart sounds very much like what takes place from subjecting yourself far too long to too much work and tension. I had a mild bout of the same the summer before I retired, after the office piled a split night-and-early shift on me at a time when we were overloaded at the office with new equipment we hadn't ~~been~~ been properly trained to use, and while here at home we both had our tongues hanging out trying to keep up with the developing watergate story. Once my heart began acting up, I was able to convince the office that I had to slow down, and they finally got the idea.

I did, and have had no trouble since. So I hope you'll be able to pace yourself and not indulge in too many 19-hour days. It will pay off, but you simply have to give yourself a chance to survive.

Best from us both,

  
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