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Dear Jim,

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It was so good of you to call last night, and to think of it. Even the timing was perfect. It immediately preceded the first entirely uninterrupted night's sleep I've had in months, something I did not expect when I decided to read before sleeping and be in a position to sleep when drowsiness hit me. It was at that precise moment the phone rang. (Lil was already asleep.)

We rejoice with you that the indications are so good. And hope that convalescence will not be too difficult.

Jenifer was the first thing on my mind yesterday morning. It happened that I awakened to the end of a news item I heard incompletely. It seemed to be of a general strike or a general municipal strike in San Francisco. I wondered if it would interfere at the hospital. She stayed on my mind because I was uncomfortable and each time I felt a twinge I was reminded of medical things and then of her.

My bet is that Jenifer will be improvising means of doing as much as she used to do while recovering. If she insists, don't forget artists ~~and~~ desks and hospital-bed tables. I tried to get the former when I came home and wound up with the latter, which worked as well as anything could. I got an old one the local hospital had discarded. Better for me than the modern ones.

You will, of course, have to cut back farthur. However, I do mention what I was reading. My legs had been bothering me so I decided to read first some Weicher memos Bud had for some reason sent me. He rarely sends me anything. I wrote him about them and then sat back in the recliner to read a Rolling Stone (4/8/76) article by Danny

Schorr recounting the CIA story and his own involvement chronologically. It is a perceptive piece even if not strictly chronological. He correctly understood the Colby/Glomar lobbying, for example. And has a few other secrets with it, including a few angleton dropped. It is too long a piece to copy. Whether or not you need it to keep I think you and Jenifer may want to read it. If so and you can't get one I'll lend you mine.

Howard's publisher has been delayed and somewhat frustrated but still promises a big splash. The TV shows are steering away from him and the subject.

I was uncertain about when the Post subscription ended but there have been some stories of which I thought you might want dupes if you were still getting the Post. What I will be mailing 3cl includes some on which you might want dupes on China news. The Post, which uses Toronto Globe and Mail, may carry what you may not otherwise see, so where I see I'll send such items.

Of the few items of news that may interest, if Black Perspective on the News is shown there (Public TV) you may want to take in Clarence Kelley as a guest. It was taped in Philadelphia yesterday with my friend Les one of the panelists. He gave Kelley a rough time from the account he gave me after he got back to Newsday. In DC that show and many others like it are aired twice, late night and early evening. It is late night tonight so if I miss it I'll eat supper to it Saturday night. Les says he shook Kelley up visibly with the Invaders story. (If I did not tell you I was able to carry that further in Memphis last week.) Bearing on this in a different way, yesterday the USAtty asked Jim for two more weeks to respond to my last affidavit filed. They can't, so I said give them all the time they want. The more they stall and fail to comply the better the court record and the more the pressure on the fink feds. I'll have a chance to ad to this in public on the 22d when I have a TV show in DC on the general subject.

I did not carbon you on the most recent medical with me because you already had too much on your mind. The GHA doctor told me Monday that I've passed another milestone. He took me off the diuretic and on the 15th I discontinued the anticoagulant, which with the recurrence of not serious pain in the legs, leaves me a little uneasy. I wrote the local GP and the vascular surgeon to whom I've gone for their opinions. If he is right this is a good sign. I can attribute these discomforts to the bad fit of the venous supports. For some reason it has not been possible to make a good fit. I was measured still again Monday. But yesterday morning I was up to as long and vigorous a walk as before, so I think it is probably good.

Again thanks for the thoughtfulness and our hopes and best wishes,

