

JDW: I expect some phone calls, am still a bit pushed from the hard walk I could take because Lil has a ride home, and I'm concerned that what I'll be enclosing of a medical nature may disturb you. I think the relationship between the doctor I saw in New York and the friend who took me there is such that is there were any special worry it would have been communicated to me or to him to give me. However, because of the counselling role I've asked of you should anything happen and JL and HR disagree and want your more experienced opinion and as a friend I'm letting you know.

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As you will have gathered I'm on a difficult project, a "King" rather than a Ray book. Time is coming out with a McMillan stinker, scheduled for September publication. What it will do to my project I do not know and am not trying to imagine. I'll be in DC Wednesday on a King FOIA suit and I'll have a little McMilliana with me. Not looking for attention but on the chance the press finally covers a normally non-newsworthy stage of a suit.

I held up rather well on a difficult long weekend of emotional and physical strain. Imagine one in my shape being in Goldsboro and Kinston (right) N.C., Florence, S.C., Atlanta, Nashville long enough for 5 hours with Ray, working at Nashville airport with a Newsday reporter who strikes me as first-rate, professionally and personally (black) and then being with a CBS reporter for another almost 5 hours and putting in a 21-hour day. I guess I'm not gone yet.

However, in order to do what I intend I'm going to have to make sacrifices for efficiency. These range from arranging to convert the wholesaling of books into the profitless to keep them going and reduce the work here to trying to make my time more constantly useful. Like playing tapes when I drive I can dictate. I've done it, if awkwardly, in the past. Here is you can phone your trusty radio-tape expert it could help. I'm going to get a pocket recorder. One friend recommended Norelco as the smallest and best but earphoneless. That is no problem. Dependability, size and the cost of cassettes is. I want to be able to keep this in my pocket while I walk so I can keep from forgetting; when I'm on the bus, as I will be for 2 1/2 hours Wednesday. Etcetcetc. On the hope that my friend will advance the costs I'm looking for a part-time secretary-assistant, preferably a housewife who can work some days when her kids are in school. The ideal one, my scout, is entering college for her masters or has. If she can't come up with one I'll seek students.

JL just called. Calendar call postponed to 2/5 so not this week. Good on many grounds.

I guess battery cost is a factor in subminiature recorder, too. The utility became apparent when I tried to make notes on the train back from NYC. Illegible. Tedious, too. Please don't make a special trip. Hen may be able to tell you by phone if any one is a lemon, one superior.

Don't copy the Time Ray article for me. I've heard of it and will undoubtedly get it in time. No rush. I took one interlude after starting this to get a McMillan selection out in case I'm called but I haven't been except by Zodiac, which will probably use a graph from an FBI report quoting State Security Office as identifying Priscilla as an employee.

The Village Voice has been running some terrible stuff. When we can put together what I have I'll send you the dupes.

Judge postponed Ray FOIA suit I've filed vs FBI until 2/5, which is good right now....If you see any uses Time piece would appreciate.

My arrangement with Newsday so far is promising, if I haven't said.

Lil and I both like the reporter personally...NYC Metromedia whickened on the King special but aired a fair and representative segment on their major TV newscast. The pressures against are increasing as the agencies read the Congress more clearly. Best, HW 1/19/76