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Dear Jim,

When I am home, which for some months has been most of the time, I generally go over the mail when it arrives and either take care of it promptly, think about ~~xxxx~~ it or do a little of each.

Matter of fact there is an earlier step. As I carry it back up the lane from the box I separate it into his and hers.

What grabbed my mind and imagination was a very fat package addressed to "il from DJ. Recently I wrote a request for the personal files on her for her. Mine if of quite long ago and has been without response. Guessing what this was cannot really be called a guess. We skimmed it and went to the other mail. This included your 4.4.

From then to now it has remained on my mind, of course. I know there is nothing I can say that you both do not know. Yet there is so much I want to say, so much I wish I could do, so much that I hope with you.

What I guess it reduces to is that you are both very lucky that Jenifer is what she is, a wonderful, remarkable person.

Two or three months ago this would not have been the surprise and disappointment it is today. Then I had an uneasy feeling. Since then I had just assumed that some adjustments were inevitable and necessary.

With all else that occupies you today anything that relates to me certainly should not. Perhaps what is most important is that if they have the need Jim and Howard be able to draw upon your wisdom and experience. That is not right away. ...

Recently I sent you a 3cl mailing. Soon there will be another. I've started it with a 3-part series "il saved from the local a.m. Perhaps what is offot or I think is in the area of my work and interest may interest Jenifer. I'll keep you onformed, not expecting to hear from you. ...

You enclosed KPFA's 6 p.m. 3.30/77 beginning with Sprague's resignation, followed by Marguerite then Peter Dale Scott. I've lost track of what I've sent you. Your appended note deals with deM and the diagnosis of paranoia. You ask about the release of this info. My unclear recollection is that the hospital confirmed rather than ~~not~~ released. Both deM's had the same Dallas attorney, one Russell. With what has happened it would not surprise me if he authorized. deM's problems were so serious a month ago he went to a psychiatric institution not far from Dallas, Terrell State. A psychiatrist reached a diagnosis and opinions. deM had gone and submitted voluntarily. When he did not show to be hospitalized his wife took those steps that led him to go to Parkland "voluntarily" for 7-8 weeks. Then it turned out that all the vampires are not Carpathian, that there is at least one who is Dutch. deM had lived up his means, had been unemployable in his non-lingual specialties, had reached the age at which the college would no longer employ him, so he decided that with all the others who had made a million with a fake book this was his solution. The Dallas Morning News informed the committee's Tannenbaum in advance about the psychiatric situation, including the name and number of the doctor. Instead of consulting the doctor the committee dispatched the Gonz. Whether he got there unassisted, of E.J. Epstein did, is not as material as that Epstein knew first, paid \$5,000 for the interview, a bit more than the average reporter gets from that amount of time. ... Much of the media is out of hand on these stories now. At this point last night a reporter friend phoned and kept asking questions to close to midnight. About the past and the meaningless past. All look for non-stories or sensations without significance.

Our best and our hopes for the best,

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