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Ye olde ice Palace

Dear Bo,

Thanks for all the news
which got here on the 23rd.
We passed the letter on to Ed.
Bill Jordan has returned but
I haven't been able to see him
yet - he had a private chat
with Ed today.

I did get a letter from
Lodge - short and not too
much for the point. Just
said thanks for the letter &
enclosure, that he had made
several moves on Ed but
none had been successful, that
he was considering what I sent
him very carefully (assume this
means Ed's memo) and Merry
Wm. No letter from Finis yet.

I got your check which
I am holding and not cashing
until I hear you've actually
sold the car for that amount. ~~£~~
(We're not pressed for money but I very much appreciate your thought).
Will enter the hospital

tomorrow for a liver biopsy.

Tests taken by the State Medical
people show some abnormality
in function - perhaps a mild
recurrence of the hepatitis I had
in '56. Nobody knows so
tests are necessary. Since I
have only one liver, thought

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I'd better have it done. Not a serious procedure - just a needle - but you have to remain on-the-spot 24 hours for observation. Don't expect anything serious and will let you know.

Barbara and The kids, particularly the latter, had a very, merry Christmas as did I watching them. Spoke to Dorothy and she seems reasonably cheerful.

Got a nice letter from Len in which he speaks highly of your help. Tell him not to take my charge of over-conservation ^{on fertilizer} too seriously - it was aimed at others through him as he probably realized.

Barbara got a funny letter from Elzette detailing some of ~~the~~ ^{the} fat boy's machinations and his apparent failure to hang on to office as no. 1.

On Val, suggest that Len initiate a request for him as an AID, ^{USM Personal Affairs} a consultant, similar status to yours, & I will run it through back here. To hell with the soap factory.
All the best,
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