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Dear Joe,

Thanks for your two dated the 5th and 21st of November. Sorry I didnt get bck to you faster on the one of the 5th.

Note that it seems you have a new typewriter.

Have you a date on the death and birth of mac Batchelor. would appreciate it if you can deliver. I need these in a hurry, so if you care to call me COLLECT on the info, please dont hesitate. Also, if you incur any expense re the xeroxing of the Hepburn stuff, let me know and re-imbursement will speed your way. TX.

I have always been suspicious of that 448 rHA of saxons. I will say that I have had the opinion that it was either hype or else some phonus bolonus had happened. I know what is entailed raising the body from a bent down position with just 100 pounds in our hand. I used to practice the "GET UP" with a 100 pounder when I did a lot more wrestling than now. The strain is horrendous. So how saxon could do it with 336 in one hand and above his head--- already yet--- I cant fathom out. Poppycock. I can hear them saying " Oh, that cynical old bastard Smith."

I have heard naught re the passing of Ed Yarick. I met him in either 1953 or 54 in San Fran and we downed a few brews. I was there with my wife after spending a week with the Earle of Hollywood. I liked him. what a tragedy he experienced. All over now though and he is where the wicked cease from troubling and the weary are at rest.

I had a letter from Glossbrenner. The man is nuts. He told me he was taking off for some masters meet in Florida--- I am sure I'll get a blow by blow account of his triumphs--- and that the lifters would be tested there. He went on to say he regarded testing for steroid use as a waste of time and money, then told me he had thought of substituting his DOGS PISS for his own, just to give the testers for steroids a hard time, then adding he had once done this with a chiropractor. I have never heard of a bone Buster testig one's urine before. I think I have herbie convinced that your avel is where you shove the salt when you eat fish and chips in bed

Note the Smoked Salmon King has re-subscribed. I am thinking of writing him from time to time, twitting him about the non arrival of sockeye. Not that it will do any good, but it might get through to him that, while I am always willing to help, I dont like being taken for a ride OR used.

How's your back doing? Well I hope. So long as it is nothing trivial I wont fret.

Spent Thanksgiving all on my own. My son-in-law took the kids to the other set of grandparents and I wasnt invited. Cant understand this--- feel I am one of the family, being sort of excluded as persona non grata.

I understand that The Reverend now has a finger in the Old Times Dash pie. I have been told he will " edit " their newsletter--- did one exist hitherto?