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Dear Sir;

Many, many thanx for the Xmas present. I am still hunting around town for something to send you. This entire season has been a burden. You can imagine that I feel left out in such holidays but have gained a keener sense of what limbo is.

I knocked out a few small prints which I gave to Frank to give to Leslie and Duvall; but now LIFE has the negs for they are making a vast number of prints which takes a burden off'n my snoulders. So don't despair for one of these days I shall send you some delectable images - ffood for the dreams.

Yes I did check with McGraw to see if somehow I had missed you here (If I won't loan you a car I can at least see that you eat properly.) So what happened finally - maybe you're persona non grata with Meredith?

Frank showed here and got himself plastered, but I guess he did what he set out to do. You are right that he is a clinger - and more disturbed than I thought. I did manage to meet Brandt for a short time one eve - seems to be a gentle guy. He told me - Frank did - about the Peter, Paul, & Mary business. When you mentioned them I didn't know who they were and thought that that was your reference to Frank, Anna, & Fred.

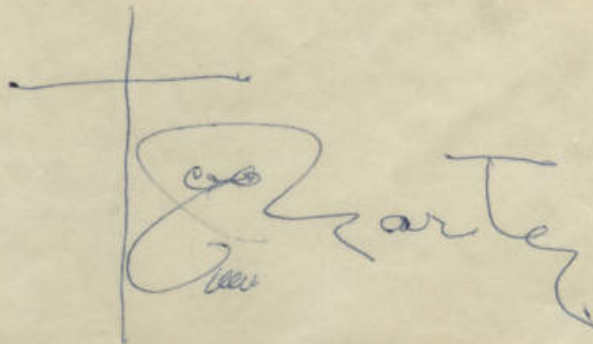
My agent here seems to think that we should do a story on Meredith, - the agent and I, that is. At least it would get me back down there to see if that wendh got any bigger. In any case I want to do it, but we first have to feel around to see who would want the story. Frank says that Willis and the Provost have resigned. Maybe you will tell me why - and does it mean that you have a full time secretary now?

I was terribly sorry to hear about Rex - and in my feeble mind I look on the incident as your compromise for 27 years service to the U.

I am busy pursuing a little gal who insists that I shan't be her lover tho we may make it from time to time. This is prt of my self destructive tendencies, but she has more tit than anyone I have seen since Mississippi so I shall continue to try untill overcome with tears. Some WOMEN can't recognize a diamond when they see one.

Otherwise things are pretty dull and I fear what my income tax will be - I have to pay by the 15th of Jan since + am free lance and pay quarterly.

MISERERE

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "T. R. Hartley". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent initial "T" and a long, sweeping underline.