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Dear Franke,

Always great to talk to you, though I must apologize for so frequently stepping on your lines. I wonder afterwards why I was that rude, and could only conclude that fiery outrage at the endlessly shocking MM assertions had my adrenalin gushing. Walls and I find that we can't take too much of that "book" at a time. It's bad for the blood pressure.

From now on, I'll start a list of the more outrageous assertions. To ^{have to} read that stuff is undeserved punishment.

Being written on hex. Arrows

Got me wild idea for your making that \$10,000-fast! If you could do an outline for an irresistible Asian American-plus-hakujin pot-boiler (maybe something akin to "Nagasaki Moon Answer") and the requisite couple of sample chapters, you'll probably have no trouble getting a \$8-10,000 advance. Book should be a natural for TV serialization. Use a pseudonym, if you must, but it'll have to be what's hot these ~~the days~~ ^{days} of exploitation of sex, violence, sensationalism. You've such a fertile mind, that it should all come to you after a good night's sleep or an afternoon nap. Vietnam is

still a good backdrop. Maybe there's a whole lot that we don't know about Ollie North and his Vietnam stint (besides his implementation of the "Phoenix plan")

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I've so much more I want to write, first I've been wanting also to answer WITS K.'s touching letter, but summer is a time spent with visitors or getting ready for them. Am waiting now for Edison Uno's oldest sister ^{Hana}. Had made a 6 P.M. dinner reservation. Would you believe that it's nearly 10 P.M. now? A little after 9, Walter and I got so hungry, we opened cans of sardines and salmon, we couldn't stand the hunger. She's coming from D.C. by car. We're hoping she's not involved in some accident.

I had waited at the hotel for her for a couple of hours, but returned around 5 P.M.

OK for now. Love to you and Dana and Sam Chew. Got Sammy's book, finally, from San Mateo. But I've yet to get it to The Post Office. Well I ever get organized!... Michi