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Dear Milt;

I feel as though I owe you two or three letters, so I'll start and get even.

Use your own judgement about publicising some of the news in this letter. You'll know what to keep within the family, I'm sure.

First, the Florida shine is beginning to peel like cheap plating. Neither Marge or I can stand this goddam climate. My health has gone to hell, and Marge feels the way I do. I.E: Back to Indiana ! It's so hot and humid, that we bear it only in air-conditioned enclosures. And the worst is yet to come, in June & July and August.

So,-- I have called in the realtors and put the place up for sale !

I've been to two doctors-- the second one has helped a little with some tonic type medicine, but both tell me I'm on the count-down with lung cancer-- slow type, but steady. Along with that other things are causing me a lot of discomfort--and I'm taking pills like a hypocondrêac (sp?)

At this time, then, I have two places for sale, but I hope we'll wind up back at the Lake. I can control the sale date at the Lake by sticking to what has become- due to economic conditions-- an unrealistic price.

So much for that shit.

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I regret having to miss the re-union in Akron. Must have been nice. I know that Ben & Jeanne liked it.

About the bridge. Lee crossed it exactly 15 minutes before it was knocked down ! Over 50 people have died in accidents at the spot since we got to Fla ! You remember the Coast Guard ship collision. We have taken a drive over the remaining span two or three times -- Morbid curiosity. Time Magazine has a good write up this week that tells the stupid story well

We see Lee and Kathy often. Lee is doing very well with Ed Don Co. Although right now the tourists have left and things are a little slow. But apparently not as slow as Contintal 's contract department. Sad ! With good management they should be at or near the top instead of pulling back.

Thanks for the Israeli stuff. I still re-read the letter from Witcoff, once in a while. He gives the situation a gutt look, that seems more realistic every time I read it. I suppose we'll have to live through another blood-letting- maybe next time with some nuclear seasoning.

Frank mailed me a copy of the Chronicle telling about David Maidenberg and Millspaugh. David must like to wade in shit. What else can he get out of local crummy politics?

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This may come as a small shock to you, but when you phoned from Disney World we were relieved that you couldn't make it down here ! Believe it or not, Marge caught her brand of pneumonia on the trip to Tennessee and was sick as a dog at the time you phoned.

Item: Fuck Florida Forever.

Do you happen to know if Frank & Jill contacted the Wolbergs in New York?

Stay well -- all of you-- we might need you !

Keep in touch

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Marge".