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Dear Stuart:

Possibly a brief explanation etc. the absence of a letter with your check will allow you to forgive me with more ease. I was in a hurry to get the check to you as I knew it was for books, among other things, + that I didn't have time to write without delaying the letter a full day. I enjoy any kind of a visit with you, even via this type of correspondence and particularly enjoyed your last letter.

Went to Memphis to read a paper last week — No — not a newspaper, you dope. Stayed two days + then return to L. R. Went fishing one day — there to check the boat then anything else. Found it filthy + had it pulled out — there were about five gallons of free gasoline floating under the floor boards — and me smoking a cigarette everytime I turn around. Jack about a truck. Leaky gaskets around the gas gauges responsible. At any rate the result of the day — off — a clean boat — no fish.

Am real enthusiastic about your sailing — a great sport + know you can out the mustard as I just so happen to know personally that Mr Tom Lofflund Jr has taught you how to tip sail boats in every situation + angle, including end-for-end. For the number of times you've been down from sail-boats you should have your master swimmer. Anyway, don't break your neck.

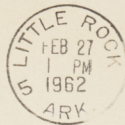
Hope you enjoy Mardi Gras — would love knowing some people able to include you in on the balls. Next year maybe — perhaps even be able to visit you if the Feds don't get me first.

Incidentally, your typing is remarkably accurate. No wonder you present tidy answers to your letters — how painstaking the technical aspects!

Work hard, make your play count + mean something — say hello + best to Scott + love to both of you — D

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