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March 3rd

Dear Martin:

I don't want to bedevil you, but another factor of urgency has occurred to me in relation to the ranch mortgage. On March 15th I shall owe the Feds \$2,500 or thereabout on 1947 income tax. Naturally I shall not pay it. This may stimulate them to slap a lien on the place up here. That would jimmy slapping a mortgage on it. All of which seems to me further to limit our time for seeing if dough is available on the place.

Simultaneous with this horrifying thought was the arrival of an offer to make some dough by tickling a certain movie property in a highly dubious fashion. With the play advance dough held up, I am very strongly tempted, for something simply has to happen quickly. Naturally I shall do nothing until I see you and discuss it with you.

I shall be in town Friday, and will give you a ring.

Hail Mary!

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