

From Walter Trumbo

Box # PM B 7551

To Mrs Walter Trumbo

(Name)

June 22, 1951 [1950?]  
(Date)

Lynn T Ranch  
Tracy Park California  
(Address)

Hello, darling —! First to business, then to pleasure. We are permitted here to have newspapers and magazines sent to us directly from their publishers. I wish, therefore, you would rush a letter to Rex, telling him to subscribe for me, immediately, for a period of nine (9) months, to the following newspapers: Los Angeles Times, Louisville Courier-Journal, and the New York Times. I want both daily and Sunday editions on each. I would like the N.Y. Times & the L.A. Times to be sent air-mail. I would like the subscriptions to be rushed to the publishers air-mail also. As to magazines, I should like him to air-mail change of address from the ranch to here for: Harpers, Atlantic Monthly, New Yorker, Saturday Review of Literature, Time, Newsweek, Life, the Nation, Partisan Review, Masses + Mainstream, <sup>variety</sup> New Republic and Fortune, <sup>and Theatre Arts.</sup> He probably hasn't the addresses of these magazines in his files, so it may be necessary for you to find the Circulation Department address in the front of each magazine, and send them to him. The address for the new subscriptions and the changes-of-address (add the Hollywood Reporter to those to be changed) should be Walter Trumbo, Box # PM B 7551, Ashland, Ky. If you wish to keep any of the above magazines for yourself, by all means do so, and have Rex simply enter a new nine month subscription for me for those you keep. Also, on your next trip to town I wish you would take one of my ton English outfits in to the Morris Bostery next door to Rothchilds in Beverly Hills, and pick out for me the finest pair of weejuns (or whatever those looper-mocassin type outfits are which have no laces, and simply slip on). Then

hold them at the ranch until I write you that I have author-  
ization to receive them here, at which time you can mail them to  
me.

Life here is something like life in a sanitarium. The place is  
airy, immaculate and most attractive, with wide expanses of  
lawns, and views of green country-side in every direction.  
The food is good, the attitude is friendly, and the restrictions  
are not burdensome. The regularity of food, sleep — and later,  
I hope — work is most relaxing. Looking at myself in the  
mirror, I am persuaded that the wrinkles of work and  
tension are vanishing, and that I appear much younger  
than I did two weeks ago. After some 25 years of the most  
intensive work, the sudden shucking off of all responsi-  
bility gives one a sense of almost exhilarating relief — a total  
resignation of personal responsibility, and a peaceful accept-  
ance of the regulations and requirements of the institution, none  
of which I have thus far found to be unreasonable.

As I told you, my release date is April 9. But I am informed  
that there are certain kinds of work here which give one an  
additional .2 days off per month. If I were so fortunate as  
to secure such work in the next <sup>week</sup> or two, I could possibly cut  
another 18 to 24 days off my time, which, of course would be  
wonderful.

I do hope, darling, that you are well and happy. I am sure  
that, because of the responsibilities suddenly thrust upon you  
in addition to your regular responsibility to the children, this  
sentence is more severe upon you than upon me. You have  
no idea how comforting it is to me — and how proud I feel —  
to have you for my wife. I embrace the children, and salute  
all our friends. — Walton Trumble - # 7551