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Dear Alyn

Thanks for all the postcards, and excuse me for not touching base w/you earlier but I've got a GREAT excuse now. Got out of the hosp. Jan. 12 after 2 wks intravenous Septra, & then they gave me it to me in oral form until the 17th. I've been off all medication since (to clear out my system, docs say) & Feb 3 they're gonig to give me a rundown on all the experimental treatments they have to offer. Meanwhile I'm taking vitamins & trying to EAT EAT EAT because I'm slowly losing weight which I can't afford. Otherwise I really feel fine ... almost as good as when I saw you last.

I have been making considerable progress on my Jack Garland biography & will get on my own autobiog. directly afterwards. Because I've kept diaries these past 22 yrs, all I really need to do is edit them. I'm feeling very confident about finishing them both.

Congratulations to both you & Ernest, for his dancing at the MLK Jr Celebration, and you for making Page 1 of the Sentinel. You're so cool, Alyn!

Good news: my plastic surgeon WILL still operate on me to give me a left ball, sometime in Feb. I'm so relieved, cuz if I'm going to get dead, I want 2 balls at THAT MOMENT. Small consolation, but consolation nonetheless....

Eldon says "DON'T GO TO BARS, OR TO RESTAURANTS, OR THEATRES, OR STORES, OR ON THE PUBLIC TRANSIT OR...." But I can't live in isolation! I'm not Mr. Party, but gimme a break!

Love to you, and hi to Ernest!

Lou

P.S. Remember the dancer Charles, now living in Denmark? He was in NY for the holidays, so flew to S.F. to see me Jan 12-16. It was nice having an old friend visit, but by the time he left I saw so glad to see him go. He made me NUTS urging me to join him in his Buddhist chanting, and no lie, it was impossible to hold a conversation with him about anything else. It always came back to "everything would be wonderful and you'd be cured if only you'd chant." AAUUUGGHH !