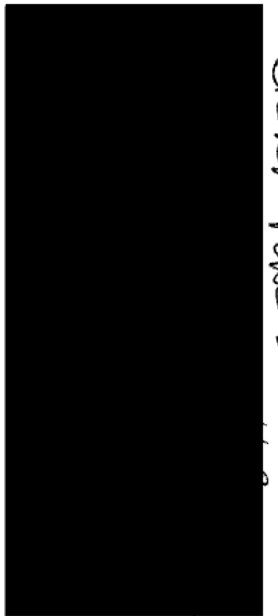
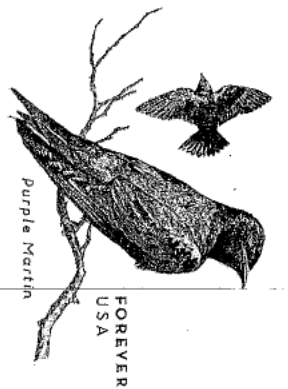


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MICHAEL POWELL



18 DECEMBER 2012 TUESDAY

Dear Michael,

I've been having shoe problems lately, as I may have told you. The State-issued shoes I've had since June have worn out, and I requested new ones about 2 weeks ago. Bad timing. The property room is short-handed because all the inmates were furloughed a month ago, and Xmas packages are coming in, so the system is bogged down.

Can you please look into getting me some shoes I can use for exercise/jogging? Even when I get the replacement shoes, they are not the best for that. Here is what I would like to have, if you can afford it (if not, I can make do when I get the new ones):

SKECHERS ENERGY II AFTERBURN CROSS TRAINER (WOMEN - WHITE)

Alina and John visited me last night. One of the things Alina told me is that she would prefer

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that I find someplace other than our house to live. The reasons are my safety, and she does not want the place to be a lightning rod for media and the Cox ilk. Also, while I am under DOC control, probation, they can walk in and breeze through the house at will, without a search warrant. Bottom line, I will be trying to find something they (the DOC) will approve, and have to have an approved address before I can get out of here. Frankly, I am not anxious to go back to that house/neighborhood either.

Alina is trying to find a job. I did give her access to my life insurance cash values to catch up on house payments. She said she took out about \$11K out of \$22K. I also have a 401K and a retirement account at VIRC. The retirement account may, or must be at least \$50K, I would guess, and I will access that if you need it for continuing your battle against the fraudulent claims. I would rather take it as an annuity, however. Alina has had to let my credit card on the

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STCU Account help subsidize the house payments, and that is maxed out. Please don't judge Alvin harshly. We're in a bad economy, and there is no job she could have landed to cover what I was covering each month. I am just happy she has held things together, however she needed to do it. I know you have kicked in too, from time to time.

By the way, I may have shocked you when I told you my notes for In Sacred Loneliness - the Plural Wives of Joseph Smith exceeded 300 hand-written pages. I am now doing a shorter index, so to speak, notes of my notes. I'm half-way through the 300 pages and the index is at over 35 pages. I use both sides. I am learning a lot, and come up with new ideas as I review my notes. I know many of Joseph Smith's 33 wives better than my own ancestors. I am seeing a lot of things by reading between the lines. There are a lot of clues, unwritten, unspoken things that point to what was really going on in Joseph Smith's mind and life, and in the psyche of his wives, and legal

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wife Emma Smith. That woman was a saint
to put up with such a bastard. She did
threaten to divorce him a few months before
his shooting death. He didn't clean up his
act, but he covered his ass better, and in
the last seven months preceding his death
in June 1844, he apparently took no new
wives.

People do different things to "serve their
time." Some inmates have commented that
I write more than anyone they've ever seen,
sitting out in one of the day rooms if a game
table is available. In that article on
solitary confinement in the Dec 2012 Rolling
Stone, one inmate imagined himself a monk
in a solitary room in a monastery, and he
copied the entire Bible, from cover to cover.
He says he learned a lot. I am learning a
lot. I won't waste this time. I think it will
come to good use.

I love you. Merry Xmas again, since
you may get this prior.

Love, Dad

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