

Post Office Box 7
31614

Leavenworth, Kansas April 1, 1929

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Letter received from Carl Panzram written to Henry P. Lesser

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Mr. Lesser:

Your letter of March 30th was handed to me this evening and I am answering at once to thank you for it and its enclosure of one dollar. Your letter was quite short but straight to the point as usual. I enjoyed reading it and I expect to enjoy the spending of your dollar. I never got the post card which you sent me.

This is my first letter since I have been here. I shall be glad to here from you at any time you care to drop me a line. You can write to me without sending me any money. I'll be glad to hear from you just the same and I'll always answer you.

Re: Allen

There is very little news that I can give you because there is none to give so far as I know. I have been here 2 months today. Nothing very unusual has happened to me so far. I have no complaints of any kind. hat the future may have in store for me I don't know or very much care. Your postscript in regards to Allen was the natural result to be expected considering the conditions and circumstances in which he was situated. He will be the gainer in the long run. That sort of a man will always be up in front sooner or later.

I believe you know the regulations about my privilag in letter writing. So please dont ever send me any thing unless your sure I'll get it. I don't need any thing and I think I can manage all right. My wants are little and I think I can satisfy them. I have met a number of my old pals in here who knew me years ago. I still have my perpetual grouch and don't believe it will ever wear off until I pass out completely. That time cant come too quick ~~xxxxix~~ for me. Just at present I pass my time in sleeping, eating, working, reading, and thinking. And the last is not the best.

I have wondered about you a numb r of times and since reading your letter, the thought has occured to me that you may be keeping house or getting ready to. The name sounds English. Kind of musical too. I had hopes tho that you by this time would have found yourself in a better job with more congenial surroundings and a cleaner atmosphere. Take my tip and drop that job like you would poison. Thats no kind of a job for you. Your built for better things than that. How is your lady friend and yourself getting along in your writing the Biography of the meanest man you ever knew. I have been passing my time away by scribbling a bit now and then. So far x I have written about 30 or 40 thousands words. Should you ever come to this and if you cared for it I would gladly make you a present of my little contribution to the worlds worst literature. You owe me nothing but I consider myself under some obligation to you.

Yell, I'll wind up this tale of woe, by saying So Long and best wishes.

Iam very truly

Carl Panzram. #31614
Box. 7.
Leavenworth.
Kansas.

3-2-64 Perhaps In Manningers - Bureau of Prisons has this material which they will turn over

Try to locate Eleanor Zott. I wonder if she is still alive - Perhaps Government records or god friend might be located

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Leavenworth, Kansas April 15, 1929

Sir:

I received your letter of March 30th and the one dollar enclosed. I answered your letter the day after and am now sending another one.

I did not receive your Post card so dont send any more of them. But letters are permittted and yours willbe appreciated by me.

I'll be glad to hear from you at any time and will allways answer you if I am able to.

There is some-thing I would like to ask you and as soon as I hear from you I'll drop you another letter.

No more at this time so, so Long and good Luck.

I am,
Carl Panzram
No 31614
Box 7
Leavenworth
Kansas.

I forgot to tell you that when you write me a letter, you should use plain smooth paper and sign your full name and address and then I'll be assured of getting your letters. Another thing is that when you see Sinclair you can talk to him and verify what I told you about his cells at Panama, Costa Rica and Angola, Africa. He probably wont know me out he will have heard of me from his Super Mowose in Panama, His director Crandell and Mr. Williams his Superintendent at Loanda, Angola, Portuguess West Africa. He will have heard of me and my wicked ways. Just as a matter of Curiosity I should like to know what he has to say about it.

If you should get my letters all right I wish you would let me know. because if you dont get them there isnt much use in my writting. I am not writting letters just to pass away the time of for the benifit of any one else except you and me.

I shall be careful and not write anything that is not permittted so there will be no good reason why you shouldnt get my letters.

You also in your letters to me must observe the rules as they are here and not worte any thing that isnt allowed.

Just use plain smooth paper and ~~sign~~ sign your full name and address on the bottom of your letters as I do here and now.

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I spoke to Sinclair at DC Jail. He remembered

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Leavenworth, Kansas April 23, 1929

Your letter of April 18 reached me today. I found the one dollar enclosed or at any rate I got it to my credit here on the books. Many thanks for both. I have only had your letter about an hour and I have read it three times already and liked it better each time. Pretty nice letter all right and quite interesting too. I am glad to hear that your all right and still feel a bit interested in me. You asked me what sort of work I am doing. Well to tell the truth I have an easy job. Not very much to do and that little easy. I don't mind it much but I am trying to get a different job where I'll be more by myself. Perhaps later on I'll manage it. It makes me feel better to hear that your autobiography is going to get a reading by such a man as Mencken. Should he accept it and publish it, I would like to get a subscription for 6 months or so. Can you manage that for me? I will be permitted to receive the magazine if it comes direct from the publisher. You ask if I would care for some books. Well yes I would like to get some good books but the kind I want I can't get. One thing I would like to have and that will be permitted me is a dictionary one about 100,000 words will be all right. But there is no rush about it. I can manage that all right by and by. I am earning a little money by making some beads, necklaces, and curios which I am thanking you for. The money which you sent to me I used in buying the material I used in making these things. Now what I wanted to ask of you was this, if I send you some of the things I make, can you and will you sell them for me and send me the money? Let me know about this will you? I have done a good bit of writing and up to date I have written about 60,000 words. But I am afraid that it is all a wasted effort as I don't know what to do with it now that I have written it all out. Should you ever come here and have an hour or two to spare, then maybe you could have me called out for a visit. Use your own judgement about that. You probably won't have time but if you could spare an hour or two I should be glad to see you and talk to you. I have been here about three months now and so far I haven't been in any jams yet. I am getting along all right but I am still pretty hostile and I might blow up any time. I am awfully, awfully weary and I ~~long to take~~ ~~am hoping that I'll find some way of getting a rest.~~ I hope it won't be too long to wait. You better take my tip and ditch that lousy job you have now. There's lots better ways for you to make a living. Well I'll have to ring off for this time so. So Long and good Luck.

I am
 Carl Panzram
 No 31614 Box 7
 Leavenworth, Kansas.

3-2-14 - Perhaps Meminger, Bennett or Mac Cormack has it
 Is it in files of B.P.P.

Was first job laundry job?

Tried to throw mail censor off by referring to
 my auto - instead of his
 Misspelled Mencken - meant H.L. Mencken

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Leavenworth, Kansas May 19, 1929

I received your last letter on April 23, and since then I have been impatiently waiting for another. This is my third letter since yours to me. But I have enough time to write letters but I suppose you have a few other things to do besides troubling yourself about me.

When you do write me again I wish you would tell me as much as possible about Mr. Mencken reply to you. In your last letter to me you asked me if I wanted any books or reading matter and if I would be permitted to receive any. The type of reading matter which I prefer is taboo here and I can manage pretty well with what I get now. I intend to get myself a dictionary and Encyclopedia in 6 volumes as listed in Montgomery Ward Col catalog. It costs 8 dollars and if I ever get that amount of money together I intend to get one of those sets.

While browsing thru an old batch of misselaneous magazines the other day, I struck an exceptionally interesting article in the American Magazine of the March 1929 issue. Look it up and let me know what you think of it. It's title is, "My seven minutes in Eternity" and it was written by Bill Pellev. I think it will be of interest to you.

If I send you a bead hadd-bag which I have made in my spare time would you be good enough to either buy it yourself or sell it for me and send me the money? I'll leave the price to you. Any thing you say goes.

Thats all for this time.

So Long and Good Luck

I am.

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✓ Lookup

[Faint handwritten notes and bleed-through from the reverse side of the page, including phrases like "Research these articles...", "Write JEP...", and "Edmund..."]

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Leavenworth, Kansas May 25, 1929

Enclosed in this letter you will find a small hair watch chain and charm. It only took me a week to make it, in my spare time, a few minutes or an hour at a time. I am allowed to send but one package each month. I would send more if I could. I spend my spare time in doing such things as this. with a little reading thrown in with a lot of thinking. Next month I'll send you a bead neck-lace. I received your letter of May 20 th. Pretty short all right. But lets hope your next will be longer and contain more. This one was full of paper but the only interesting thing in it was your comment about Sinclair aroused interest in oil well in Bocas Det Toro, Panama. Tell him not to blame me even tho I am the one who touched it off. A big man by the name of Mowriss was the real cause. He canned me when I was doing all right and everybody else was satisfied. His mistake cost Harry a hundred grand. Years later I heard from other fellows like myself that Harry was and is a pretty good old scbut, to my kind of people. But being sorry didn't rebuild his oil rig. Maybe I earned a part of it back for him by the work I done for him on his oil field down in Angola, Portuguesse West Africa. If you will take the trouble to look up the back files of the ~~the~~ Saturday Evening Post for 1923 or 1924 you will find a series of articles written by a Mr Marcossou about the oil business, among them you will find my picture, taken at Quimbazie way up the Quanza River. I was driving a team of 80 big buck canibals and they were hauling a boiler on a long rope, hooked up two abreast just like oxen. Only they didnt has as much brains as an ox. If you look these things up you must remember that at the time I was sailing under the name of Capt. John O'Leary. Harry may not know me but surely will have heard of me from a Mr. Crandell one of his Directors in his Co. Or Mr. Williams his Supt in Loanda, Angola. Old man Mowriss sure knows me to his sorrow. He must have wanted me pretty badly when he offered \$500.00 for me. I would like to hear him roar when, "If ever he does", hear that I am the one who put such a crimp in his plans. I done it because he was bullheaded and wouldn't lett well enough alone. Well I have gossippid enough now so Ill quit writing and start walking up and down the floor taliking to myself, cursing a blue streak and every once in a while having a good hearty giggle. But what I got to giggle about I cant figure out yet. But that cuts no ice So

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Sinclair had heard about business of oil well when I questioned him about it. I wonder if I told Colonel Peake of my interest

This was true. Reading \$1 50,000 goes to jail

*Research these articles next time at Leavenworth
Write SEP - they might be interested in publishing
story of Panzram*

*Research on Panzram's employment
with Sinclair - Interesting to bring out
fact that Panzram & Sinclair were at
DC Jail - Find out if same time*

Letter received from Carl Panzram written by to Henry P. Less...

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Leavenworth, Kansas June 6. 1929

Your last letter I recieved several weeks ago. Since then I have written you 2 letters. In one of which I sent a horse-hair watch chain and a charm made of a peach-stone. I don't know what youll do with it after you get it. But if it looks like junk to you, just heave it into the first ash-can you come to and forget about it.

I have been thinking that its about time for you to hear from The Mercury. Should you by any chance recieve any thing from them. Its all yours as far as I am concerned but if you feel like cutting it. in ~~two~~ two with me ~~xxx~~ I'll surely accept it what-ever it may be. I dont feel much like writing tonight so I'll cut this one short. The way I have been feeling lately with next one will be shorter yet.

So Long and Good Luck.

I am
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Kansas .

Referring to Mencken

Letter received from Carl Panzram written to Henry P. Lesser.

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Leavenworth, Kansas June 15, 1929

Your letter of June the 8th reached me the other day. That was a pretty nice letter all right. Full of news, and all of it good. I was a bit surprised to read what Mencken wrote to you. I didnt have much faith in the thing being worth while, but any one like Mencken says its good I must believe it. You use your own judgement and do just as you like about it. Its yours and wait you do with it is O.K. by me. I should like to read the article by The Nation about Older but thats out of order here. Send no clippings. I am still on my same job and like it less each day. I am getting all set for a change. It wont be long now. I think your out of luck for the other 75,000 words I wrote here. Thats out of order also. Glad your friend was pleased with the watch chain and charm. I made it out of an old fiddle bow and a peach-stone. Next month I'll send you a bead-necklace. That wont be worth any thing either. But the following month I shall, "if all goes as usual", send you a bead Hand bag which should be worth something over 15 or 20 bucks. These same sort of bead bag sell in the stores for around \$35.00 and up to \$100.00 according to the material used and the quality of the workmanship.

On my bag I have a silver handle which cost \$2.75., Lining.75 and the beads \$2.50, Thats not counting such items as the silk thread, Bead needles and wax and my 2 months labor on it. Considering every thing I think I should be justified in looking for at least \$15.00 for it. But when you get it you must use your own judgement. Whatever you do with it will be O.K. by me. The necklace as you will see I put in the intial T so I guess you'll know what to do with that. That should be some compensation to her for all of the work she must have done in decyphering and typing all of my scribbling. Did you take the trouble to verify any or all of my statements. I think you should. Don't you? I met an old friend of mine here by the name of Reynolds, an old, old timer. I wish you knew him and that he knew you. He sure could spin you some wierd yarns. its pretty hot here just now. I have been expecting to see old boy Sneak down here with a new lot of bums including Allen. There are a number of people here who would ge glad to see either one or both of em. Whats Allen doing? Why the "eck don't you take my tip and drop that job your on surely your not going to wait until you get the same as Allen got. Your the same type as him and you must expect the same kind of a deal if you stop in your sane line of business. So Long and good Luck.

I am
Carl Panzram
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Leavenworth, Kansas.

*Break
follows Col Peake*

*see
papers
about*

*get court records, see who who W confederates. If
alone interview them if possible - I have tapes made
Foundant from B of Perry of Reynolds is also. If
try to get permission to interview*

See y r

*Referring to possible escape try or succeed.
ask Mac Cormick about succeed try*

*66 "if all goes as usual" highly significant
short while afterwards Philled Warstse*

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Leaven worth, Kansas June 28. 1929

This will be just a short letter, merely to let you know that I am all right, or at any rate as well as could be expected, considering all of the circumstances.

Should you read anything very unusual in the papers about me, you mustn't take it for granted that it is all true.

I have no pen or ink at this time so you must excuse the pencil and my bum writing. I am a little bit nervous just now but I guess you can read what I write.

Later on I shall write to you and try to explain some-thing which are probably puzzling you just now. In the mean-while I'll be wishing you good luck and waiting paitiently to hear from you.

I am.
Carl Panzram
No 31614 Box 7.
Leavenworth.
Kansas.

*Murder of Warnke
by Panzram
get exact date of
murder*

*Murder of Warnke - see letter June 15
must have been contemplating it*

*Find out if Zerk is alive or any other
guards or officers who knew Panzram
get Leavenworth Kansas papers day of murder, June 7
and subsequently*

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Leavenworth, Kansas July 12, 1929

I recieved your letter of July 9th, this evening, and am answering it at once. Your letter contained quite a bit of news. I was glad to get it. I have been puz- led a good bit about the general tone of your letters to me. Your super- scription, especially has me wondering. The generally friendly tone all thru your letters. All of em. I cant help but believe your sincere in your protestations of friendship for me. But what gets me is, how in the heck any man of your intelligence and ability, knowing as much about me as you do, can still be friendly towards a thing like me, when I even despise and detest my ownself. Thats what puzzles me. Wonders will never cease. So Allen got himself reinstated in the good graces of the Law. How come that Right came out on top of Might. Dosen't seem reasonable to me. Even the he is the Law and no friend of mine, I can and do respect him if I cant like him. Yes I read ~~xxxx~~ about the demise of one of my old companeroes Frank Marlow of Silver Slipper Fame. He isnt the first of that mob to be taken for a ride and if I know any thing of his crowd, he wont be the last. He is one of the push that hoisted the S. S. Mullhouse for a million in boose, 8or9 years ago. If you keep on reading the news papers you'll see some day where some more of his click will be taken. 18 men pulled that Mullhouse trick and not a one of em ever done a day even the Everybody in New York, including the coppers knows it. They are too strong for the law but they are not strong enough keep on fighting among themselves and prosper at it. I don't wish any of em any bad luck but I hope they all go out like the Killkenmy Cats did. Say I want to tell you some thing you know in my letters to you I have been grousing about my job here. I didn't like it and wanted a change. Well I got a change all right but I had to kill my boss to get it. That makes either 22 or 23 that I have to my credit. You can put that down in your little story-book, and if I keep on living much longer I may have some more to put in my grave-yard. For the past two or 3 weeks I have been pretty well upset, Things all went wrong for me. My plans have been all shot to pieces. I thought for a while I would soon be either free or dead but I haven't had any luck either way. I am still alive and locked up tighter then I was before. But patience works wonders and time makes all things equal. I know a lot of laws but I only know one thatg is a sure worker. Thats the Law of Compensation. That one will sure work. Say, about those things I was going to send you, the Bead necklace and the Bead Hand-bag. Your out of luck for those I guess. I had em all right but when I went on the war-path a couple of weeks ago, I lost them and every thing else I had and dam near lost my life with them. Too bad I didn't. But maybe I can lose it or throw it away yet. I hav hopes. Now I have another murder charge against me besides those in Massachusetts Pennsylvania and Connecticut. I am bound to be tried some where for murder and then maybe the Law of Compensation will catch up with me and cook my goose. Maybe the Law will do me one favor in return for all the misery it has caused me. I look forward to a seat in the electric chair or dance on the end of a rope just like some felks do for their wedding night. Well its time to cut this thing short and for me to start walking up and down my cell floor, talking to myself and trying to figure out the quickest and easiest way out of this dam world. How are you making out with your dime novel. ~~Now~~ Don't Hearst want it? He did once, at least his Editor, Bushband did. Try Older, hell take it. So Long.

Carl Panzram
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Escape or suicide

Investigate these murder charges

Get my book on the 20 Leventes

It shows under the book should see "The Lawless Decade"

by Paul Sam

*Perhaps write about Prohibition Era- Use my book
The Lawless Decade*

*Remarkable find about the S.S. Mullhouse
found in middle of letter casually talk about*

July 27. 1929.

Mr. Henry James.
 To Miss E. V. Trott.
 No 151 Quincy St.
 Chevy Chase
 Md.

On July 9th you wrote me a letter. That's the last one I received from you. This is my third letter to you since then. I have been wondering if you get all of the letters that I write to you. I don't think that I have written anything in any of my letters that is not permitted here. If you don't get my letters then there isn't much use in my writing them. I write them for your benefit and my own and not for the benefit of some third party. I should like to continue to correspond with you, but only so long as I am assured that you get the letters I write to you. I don't mind having my letters read by anyone else but I do expect to have you get them eventually. That's that.

I see by the papers that another one of the predictions which I made to you in Washington, has come true. I am referring to the Riot which occurred lately at Hannam. But I suppose you forgot what I told you about that. The news is old news. Have you spoken to Allen lately? How about Sinclair and Day? Have either of them ever talked to you about me? Have you heard anything more from Dr. Carl Murotus of Mass? Is your girl Pal is living at Chevy Chase now, lived near there for a while. At S. Elm Ave. Bethesda, Md. just up the line a few blocks from where she lives now. How is she making out in The Poetry Basket.

Is there any profit in Poetry? Some kinds maybe.
Do you think you could manage to scrounge a few
nickles and dimes for me. I would like to have enough
to buy some matches and cigarett-paper.
I have plenty of tobacco but I have no way of getting
around to make the balance of what I need to complete
a smoke. Just a single dollar will keep me going
probably as long as I need it. 6 months more ought
to see me thru. Have you quit that job yet? I hope, although
Don't forget what I told you. If you stay too long in that
racket you won't be fit to go to Hoboken or any where else.
Try some-thing else before its too late. Well this is a
warm day and my thinking machinery is not in any
to good running order today so I'll just run out on
you now.

So Long and Good Luck.

Jan
Carl Panoram
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Leavenworth, Kansas Aug. 4, 1929

I received you letter of July 29th all. OK. I wrote you three others since the 12th of July. I write one every week now. I hope you get all of em. I believe that I get all of yours all right. Your last letter had quite a lot of news and as usual all of it good. Too bad that all of mine cant be that way also but you know enough about me by this time that where ever I go there is sure to be bad luck and hard times for some-body and some-times for every-body. I am old man bad-luck, himself. The last time I stopped any where long enough for the people to know me very well was in Dannemona. There I had a lot of different people ask me at different times who I was and what good I was. My answers were allways the same. "I am the fellow who goes around doing people good." Asked what good I had ever done any one. Again my answers were the same to all. "I put people out of their misery." They didn't know that I was telling them the truth. I have put a lot of people out of their misery and now I am looking for some-one to put me out of mine. I am too damed mean to live. If your Friends the Glueck Bros from Harvard should ever express their real opinions to you about the causes of my mean disposition, then I wish you would let me know their versions of it. So Menckin is still interested in Lucky Baldwins Autobiography. Move Power to him at it. You Remember, I once told you that I wrote out another 75,000 words along that line. Well in your last letter to me you expressed the desire that you would like to have that also. The truth of the matter is that I am afraid your out of luck for these reasons. In the first place it is against the rules to write any thing like that and also against sending it out. When I wrote it I was in a different position then I am now. Then I could see and talk to many people, now I see very few and talk to less than that. Then I had plenty of time, pens, ink and paper, Now I have only time. I havent even a pencil. The one I am writing with now, I borrowed and must return it. I have no money to buy any thing with. On the other hand, if I did have every thing I needed including permission from the officails here, then I would gladly spend a month or two in putting down on paper the things I know and also the things that I think I know. But I cant do any thing myself Perhaps you can tho. Thats up to you if you care to write to the Supt, Warden or Deputy Warden here. Those are the onlyones who can give me this privilege. You must use your own judgement. Any way I couldnt do anything about it just now because I expect to go up for trial next month and I would have to wait until I see if I get my wish then. Well So Long and Good Luck. From

Carl Panzram
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Kansas.

Always wanted to know the causes of his terrible criminality.

See Sheldon Glueck's letter

Perhaps we can get access to any material he wrote if in files at Leavenworth at or in Washngton

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Leavenworth, Kansas Aug. 20, 1929

last

I recieved your letter July 29th. This is my third letter since then. Whats the matter? Dont you get all of my letters or dont you care to answer them. If you don't want to write to me. Just say so and I'll not bother you any more. I believe that you would write to me all right if you got my letters but it looks to me as tho you dont get em all. But why you should get some of em and not all is what I cant understand. All of my letters are alike. I write just exactly what I think and believe that I obey all of the rules in regards to letter writing. Of course there are a lot of things I would like to write about that is verboten. Hereso I write only what I think will pass the censor here. Maybe the fault is that I dont know whats all right and whats all rong. I always believed, "I do yet too," that I knewright from wrong. It looks to me as the others do not agree with me. There are some folks who actually believe I am just a little bit nutty. But I dont worry about that because they dont know me like I know myself. I know myself far better than any one else knows me and I am firmly convinced that I am not crazy. Waht got me started along this line of thinking today is an article I read in the New Era, The Prison paper published here. The Issue of August 129. I am sending it to you in a separate cover along with this envelope. The article to which I refer is on Page 14. Paragraph No 1 in Colum 2 is what steamed me up. This does not mention me by name but I am the one that is meant all right I don't know who wrote it and dont care but I do care when he or any one els thinks or says I am insane. I wish you could get a publisher for that story of mine. I would like to have a copy of it when I goto trial. I expect to go up for trial next month or maybe Oct. I dont care what they do to me just so they dont try to prove I am crazy. I dont want no part of that. Let em hang me, burn me or any thing they want but I am going to see that they dont bug me. I am not very good on trying to explain things by talking especially in a court room. I get mad and fly off the handle too easy but if I can get a copy of what I wrote in Washington D. C. and then produce it in Court, I am sure I can convince any one who is even half way open to reason that if the Law is right then So is

Carl Panzram
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and get
Try to read this issue if and when Research
starts - New Era - issue of August 29 - I don't recall
getting it. I might have.
Try to get permission to read any confiscated letters
or writings.

Always Obsessed about fear of being declared psychotic
Interesting about his comments on inability to speak ^{and explain}
calmly in court room

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Leavenworth, Kansas Sept. 20, 1929

I see no reason why you shouldn't get this letter.

I recieved your short letter of August 19th with the one dollar enclosed. Many thanks for both. I did not answer that letter until now, because in one of your previous letters, you asked me to write more often and at greater lengths. At that time, during July and August I did as you requested, I wrote you about 6 or 8 long letters. But I dont think you ever recieved them so, I figured that if you didn't get the letters I wrote, then why should I write. Thats why I waited so long in answering yours of Aug. 19. But now I have some hopes that you will recieve my letters as there have been some big changes here lately. I wont write a great deal at this time because I want to wait and see if you get this letter and my next 2 or 3. If I don't hear from you in answer to this letter and my next 2 or 3 then I can only conclude that some one other than myself has put a stop to my correspondence. But if I hear from you I shall be very glad to continue our correspondence as long as we are permitted to do so. So Long and Good Luck From

Carl Panzram
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*Is it possible we can get these letters if material
is published also for scientific workers
Was it influence of Mac Comacks?*

Letter received from Carl Panzram written to Henry P. Lesser

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Leavenworth, Kansas Sept 28, 1929

Yesterday Evening I recieved your letter of Sept 25th. In it you asked me 8 questions. It would take 10 or 15 pages of paper like this for me to fully answer all of your questions. That cant be done. You should already know the answer to most of em. Read your manuscript over again and you will understand. You surely know the facts if any one does besides myself. If you dont know you probably never will understand. I wrote it plainly and distinctly enough for any one to understand. All except 2 of your questions. The last one about the murder which I committed here, you might not understand. You asked me why I done it and if I got a kick out of it. I had not one reason for doing it, but about 47 reasons and each one of them was a good reason. Good enough for me anyway. You know the deal I got in the D. C. can from Peake. Did you think I would forget and forgive that. I told you all then while in my cell, again in the open court room, again when I came here, I told every one I came into contact with that I would sure knock off the first guy who ever bothered me. I even told that to the Deputy warden here and the man I killed. I warned em all to lay off me and leave me alone. They didn't leave me alone and I killid one and tried to kill a dozen others. The way I figure things out is this way. If it was all right for the law to do the things to me that it has then its all right for me to do the same thing to the law. Peake was the one I waited 5 months to get but he didnt come here so I stepped out and got another one just like him. You asked if I get a kick out of killing people. Sure I do. If you dont think so, you do as I had done to me 5 or 6 big huskeys walk in on you and let em hammer you unconcious., then drag you down in a cellar and chain you up to a post and work you over some more. and then if you feel like forgiving and forgetting all about it write and tell me about it will you. I have had 22 years of this kind of stuff and you know it and yet your chump enough to wonder why I am what I am. Dont be so dumb. Judging by the tone of your letter you now figure I am a bug of some kind. A fire bug or a homicidal maniac. Thats where your wrong, I am no bug even if I do get a kick out things which would have the direct opposite effect on you. Another thing, you asked about sending me some cigars. Now you know better than that. Thats high treason. If your going to send me money that all ok. At the same time you can have the Haldeman Julius Co send me their catalog so I can buy some of thier books.

This is all true

Colonel Peake. Warden

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^{criminal}
There was gross negligence on part of officials
in allowing freedom of movement within prison
(Refer to tape made by me and Marty Vogel
He warned them continuously. They had his record as a dangerous
He could have killed hundreds of prisoners by
poisoning their food in some other way
We must stress to publishers and in book this torture
was at D. C. Jail which was a separate entity
and not part of F.B. of Prison
Quint Pan civilized treatment he received at L after
murder

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Leavenworth, Kansas Oct. 6, 1929

I recieved your letter of Sept 25. I answered it at once but was unable to fully answer some of questions which you asked me. I'll try to answer some of em in this letter. As for my next trial, I dont know when its due. Sometime soon I believe. But probably Nov. or Dec. in the Federal Court at K. C. K.

You seldom answer any of my questions but thats all right as it dosent make much diff either way. But I wish you would allways let me know if or when you get all of my letters. You asked me as to my motives in doing some of the things I have done. Surely you know that I am very impulsive, very vidictive and absolutly unscrupulous. Those are reasons enough to explain my actions. You also know why I feel and am that way. As for the kick I get out of it. I meant Figuratively and not literally. What ever possessed you to think that me or any one else ever had a sexual like feeling when we comitt a crime lik a murder or arson. Thats the bunk. I myself have intelligence enough to know the feeling but I havent know- ledge enough to explain it so that you could understand it. The only way I knew of for you to find out just what sort of a kick I get out of it is for you to do as I done.

Experiment; go buy yourself a box of matches. or go get an ax and bop some guy on the back of the neck. Its easy when you know how. Besides you put em out of all thier misery when you knock em off. Now then for your question about my ideas of any dreams I have had and thier effects on me. Sure I have dreams but they have no effects whatever on my actions during my waking moments. What started you thinking about that was probably my questions about Bill Pellys article in the American Mag for March '29. Just forget it, "you probably have allready; because you never answered my question "Since I read that I have read some more of his writings and I have come to the conslusion that he is some kind of a bug or more probably a hop-head. I am neither. I can reason things out just as logically and clearly ~~xxx~~ as any body. I can see the truth and I can admit it where a great many other people are unable to see the truth and are unwilling to admit it even if they do see it. Well that about enough of my philosophy for this time. Now about you. I would like to know when if ever your going to quit that Lousy Job and get a real one. That Job is doing you no good. Its doing you harm. If you stay with it long enough youll be as bad a That Great Criminologist who studied his subject for 28 years and then thought "he still does" that he knows it all. If you dont believe it ask him You know who I mean. That great Christian and Military hero, The Major. Now then as for the money and cigars which you promised me, Just forget it or wait until you peddle your manuscript and then if you get a real bank-roll, "Donate", to

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*He means Major...
He means Colonel Peake
warden of the Jail
District*

Good advice

*The Great Criminologist referred to is
Colonel Peake, Warden of the DC Jail
where P was tortured. - was days when P
knew him*

*Show newspaper clippings of admission of
use of Post as torture by Col P to warden of book*

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Leavenworth, Kansas Oct. 11, 1929.

I wrote two letters in answer to yours of Sept 20th. this is my third and yet I haven't had room to answer half of the questions which you asked me in your letter of that date. But before I do that I want to ask you something. Do. You remember what I told you and the predictions I made to you in regards to the conditions and the probabal results and the consequences of it in New York State. Especialy in Dannemona and Auburn, Now you know that what I said would happen, has happened. You know why too. But thats merely the beginning and not the end. The worst is yet to come. Colorado was no surprise to me. neither would it have been to any one else who has kept track of that place since and during the regime of Warden Tynar. Here is another little Tip for you. History repeats itself. Just keep your eye on Texas, Rusk and Huntsville. They are both due for the blow off. The same for Eastern and Western in Pa. Baltimore is due for a jamb and so are a good many others. When Jeff City and Lansing tear loose where will noise and smell enough so that the people must see and hear the truth wether they like it or not. The powers that be are ~~xxx~~ beginning to getit in the neck the same as any other crooks. The prisons all over the country are beginning to close thier gates on officers, Cheifs of Police Sherifes, Lawyers, Judges Governors and a good many others who make the laws and those who are supposed to enforce them. People who have been asleep for a generation or more are now beginning to wake up to the fact that laws are made to be obeyed by all and not by all except those who made them ~~fx~~ or enforce them on others. I sure used to get a good kick out of it," before I got into my last Jarb." when I could sit down in the mess-hall here, right besides some other kind of a copper. Believe me, I never missed an opportunity to tell em what I thought. Thats one privilege I sure enjoyed and full advantage of. But I cant do it any more. Now I have no one to talk too except myself. But I like that fine. I can say just what I want to too myself with out any fear of being contradicted or having my block knocked off. So you see everything has its advantages. Even solitary confinement. I am as contented now as I have ever been or ever expect to be. I have a large, clean airy cell, plenty to eat and pretty good eats too, far better than I have ever had in any hoose-gow before, I have a bed to sleep on, magazines and news-papers to read. twice a week a good barber gives a good shave, a good hot and cold shower bath every week with a clean of linnens, plenty of tobacco to chew and smoke. No work to do, and no one for me to bother about and no one bother me in any way, not yet any way. But still I am not satisfied. There is one thing I still lack and thats a nice comfortable grave to be dumped into. When I get that I'll be fully contented.

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if movie, should make a good one

Highly significant report here of his civilized treatment at FB of P (L) after committing murder

Research - Apparently his referring to Prison Riot's see if riots did occur at prisons where he predicts trouble will arise.

This should make excellent scene in movie or television play

Quote this to publishers in outline so that they will not be afraid of his adverse previous criticism

of state prisons and DC jail. We can have experts write in fore book, that all these tortures

these notes we have revelations about Carl Panzram - since 9.26.68 -

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Leavenworth, Kansas Oct. 20, 1929.

Mr. Henry James.

% Mr. Isador. Tesser.
The Melrose Apt. 22.
No 1343. Clifton St. N.W.
Washington
D. C.

I recieved your letter of Oct. 9th. Glad to hear that you got both of mine, of the 25th of Sept and the 6th of Oct. I wrote you another on Oct 11th. I am glad that you didnt take any offence at my cranky letters. Your a pretty level headed sort of a fellow and you know I am allways in a bad humor just like a mad dog. Still for a little while after I got your last letter I felt pretty good. Almost human. Yes I have read in the papers about Allen and his stirring up a row there. He is a pretty clever guy for a youngster but he is battling a bunch that is not only clever but very unscrupulous as well. They have the edge on hem in that way. Allen has principles and scruples where his opponents are without either, so he had better watch his step or some skunk like me. "There are plenty" more who can be hired for a note or less to bump him off. Now then about your sending me money. Thats OK, by me but I am not in need of any thing so dont put yourself out. I didn't get the Little Blue Book catalog yet but I have an advertizement out of a mag and I am going to try to send an order for 40 little blue books. I may not be permitted to have em but I' ll try any way. No harm in trying. If I can't have em I'll get myself some Royal Bergals and have a smoke of good weed on you.

You asked me about my school days. I'll try and explain briefly. I started to school at the age of 5 years and attended regularly until I was 11 years old. In that time I finished the 6th grade. I did not like school. I was pretty dumb but I kept up with the others in my classes. When I was 11 years old I was sent to the Reform School. There I stayed nearly 2 years. During all of my time there I went to school but never learned a dam thing. In fact I was in the 5th grade of school when I left there. So you see that after 2 years in the Reform school I was farther back than when I ~~started~~ started there. From that day to this I have never advanced any farther in school than I was before I went to my first R. S. I may not have accomplished much in a scholarly way while there but I learned to become a first class liar and hypocrite and the beginnings of degeneracy. I also learned how to sing hymes, say prayers and read the bible. I learned so much about the Christian religion that I finialy came to detest, despise and hate everything and everybody connected with it. I still do. You also asked about my parents and my early upbringing. I had little of either. My father was no good and mother was very little better. Father pulled his freight when I was 7 or 8 years old so you see I know a little about him and none of that good. Mother was too dumb to know anything good to teach me. There was little love lost. I first liked her and respected her. My feelings gradually turned from that to distrust, dislike, disgust and from there it was very simple for my feelings to turn into positive hatred towards her.

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Leavenworth, Kansas Oct. 31, 1929

I recieved your Letter of Oct 9. I wrote twice since then. Last Sunday I ordered 40 little blue books with the \$2.00 which you sent me. but I have sinc then found out that it cant be done. They are not permitted here so I still have the money. Now Ill try to figure out some other way to spend it. I thought I would write you a letter today because I feel pretty good just now. In fact I feel pretty near human. For several different reasons here are a few. Its so long since I have been beaten or kicked around, chained up or knocked down that I have almost forgotten how it feels but not quite I still remember. Another reason is that I have just finished my supper and man what a feed. I started with bacon and Eggs, candied-sweet-potatoes, bread and butter, stewed prunes and 4 fresh pears. Thats a sample of the meals we gethere evry day, lately. After I finished throwing this feed into myself, I sat down to smoke and read the daily paper. In peace, quiet and comfort. Now perhaps you will know why this letter is a bit different from some of the others I have ritten to you. This is sure a queer old world. here I am getting old after roaming all over the world, after serving over 20 years in jails and in some of em I got plenty abuse for very little, In one of which, thats the last one in N. Y. I was sloughed up in the Isolation for over 2 years and there treated worse than you and many other people would treat a mad dog. That treatment I recieved, not for what I had done but for what others thought I might do There I done nothing to deserve all of the abuse I got. Now notice the contrast. I come here expecting to get more of the same kind of treatment, but determined that this time I wont get it for nothing. This time I am hostile and dont care what the consequences may be. This time I figure Ill beat em to it. I mak one attempt to escape I fail but I don't get caught, imediatly I begin getting all readyed up to try again in another place. but before I can get properly organized I get into a small jam, this caused one to figure, judging by past performances in other prisons, "that I am due to get another kicking around, So to forestall all that, I grab myself a 10 pound iron bar and go on the war-path. Before I have finished I kill one man, or try to kill a dozen mor. After doing all of these thin s I walk into a cell fully expecting to be chained up and beaten to death. but what happens. The exact reverse of that. No one lays a hand on me. No one abuses me in any way. This is how things have been for the past 3 or 4 months trying to figure it out and I have come to the conclusion that, if in the beginning I had been treated as I am now, then there wouldn't have been quite so many people in this world that have been roped, raped and killed and perhaps also very probably I wouldn't be where I am today. Maybe I am wrong tho. I am too dumb to know what might have been but I am not so dumb that I cant see a little way into the future. Not very far but far enough to see the end of

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Study 5

Very important

Very significant letter

Important to contrast
as places treatment in
Federal Prison with
his previous experience (torture)
in State Institutions
This should please FBI
Barnett etc if they
will be some apt
to cooperate

His Highly significant
observation if in the beginning
of his criminal career he had been
treated like after murdering W
society would have benefited
and he may have been
rehabilitated

Very significant; Refus to murder Wank

as a small jam

Judging from what he means to into a small jam. He means
he was reported in uniform by W for refusing to stop cleaning. 7 2019
Small items like bar dishes for other purposes. Believed this report
to be true with M Wood

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Leavenworth, Kansas Nov. 13, 1929

Your letter of Nov. 7 reached me this Eve. What a kick I got out of reading it. You have it all doned out ~~th~~ You have it all figured out that if I was given my freedom today, financial independence, moral support and a helping hand from powerfull people and everything necessary that would help me to reform and lead a good clean ~~xxx~~ Christian life, thats all that would be required. You figure that I would jump at it and be all reformed up the minute I hit the front gate. What a dream. Your all wet. Wake up kid your having a nightmare. I can dream better dreams than that, myself. If there was even the faintest possiblity of your idea ever becoming a fact, then I would be right on the job. I would be the best little yes man you ever saw. You may not believe me, but if I cared to, I could be just as smooth a lier and hypocrite as any would be Christian you ever saw or heard tell of and they are all experts. But it just so happens that I dont care to lie just now. I am not going to try to decieve you and neither am I going to kid myself. I know myself and my own state of mind far better than you or any one else knows me and the more I look deep into my ~~own~~ own self, the less good I can see. You seem to think that all that is necessary for a person to do when he wants to change his mode of living is to just change and thats the end of it. All reformed up ~~is far different when you ta~~ just like that. Thats how easy it is in theory. But the reality is far different when you take into consideration all of the facts. The real truth of the matter is that I haven't the least desire to reform. Very much the reverse of that is the truth. I would not reform if the front gate was opened right now and if I was given a million dollars when I stepped out. I have no desire to do good or to be good. I am just as mean now as I can possibly be, and the only reason I am no worse is because I lack the power and the proper opportunitys for meanness. If I had the power and the opportunities, then I would soon show you what real meanness was. You over-look the fact that the law and a great many people have been trying their d- for 25 years to reform me. I am tired of having people try to reform me. What I want to do is to reform them and I think the best way to reform em is to put em out of thier misery. It took me 38 years to be like I am now, then how do you figure that I could if I wanted to, change from black to white in the twinkling of an eye. Have you some kind of a secret formula, some mumbo-jumbo, or hocus-pocus that could cause this great change. If you know some-thing like that let me have it and Ill try it out on someone to see how it works. I have a good j subject here that I would likē to try it out on. He is nearly a bad a skunk as I am. Not quite tho. Now then to answer some more of your questions. The little Blue books are not allowed to any one in here but Books from any other Publishing Co. are permitted here why that is I dont know. Its a rule here, thats all I know about it. I have never read Jack Blacks Book, "You cant Win." Harpers or Scribners mags seems to be un popular here. I havent seen one of either since I've been here. There are lots of good magazines here but I dont get many good ones. But I guess thats because I dont love Jesus or maybe they want to lead me into paths of upritchousness by handing me such mags as The Argosy and Western Thrillers. No ther is nothing you can co for me unless your rich uncle should open his heart and his pocket-book. In that case you could if you would, have sent these two books, diret from the publisher to

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I dont know whether I put these questions to him ~~him~~ myself (I think I did) or whether Dr. Karpman asked me to do so

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Leavenworth, Kansas Nov. 19, 1929

I recieved your letter of Nov. 7th. which I answered the same day I got it. I had to cross out the last 2 or 3 lines of that letter because I wanted to enclose a small clipping of a magazine advertizement. But after writing the letter I found out a new rule here which I knew nothing about. Clippings are not permitted to be sent either in or out of here. It dosen't make any diff any way so just forget it. The books I wanted to get w re Schopenhours Essays and Kants Critique of Pure Reason. They were a buck each in the add I saw in the mag. I have the two bucks which you sent to me and I think I'll use them to get these two books later on. not now. because I expect to go out for my trial very shortly. I figure it will be some-time in Dec. Then I'll see about it. It all depends how I make out at my trial then.

Now then about that Autobiography. I have no further interest in it. Its yours and whatever you do with it will make no difference to me. my only motive in writing it was to express myself and to state my beliefs fully and truth fully. I dont care what you or any-body else, thinks, says or does about it. The question of what the outcome of it might be, held my interest only so long as there was some little hope that I might profit by it to the extent that I might benifit by giceting myself some good books that I have been wanting for a long time to read. But now, that, that possiblity is out of order I may as well forget about it. Besides its very unlikely that I'll LIVE long enough to be able to do very much reading of any kind That will be about all for this time. Perhaps Ill feel more like a human being by this time next week, if so I'll write then but just now I feel more like a mad dog than

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Nov 28, 1929

(Letter received from Carl Panzram written to Henry P. Lesser.)

My third reason for not agreeing with your suggestions is that I prefer death before spending more years in prison. My belief is that life without liberty is not worth having. If the law wont kill me, I shall kill myself. I fully realize that I am not fit to live among people in a civilized community. I have no desire to do so. If I had any choice in living any longer, the only way I would consent to do so would be to get clear out and away from all civilized people. If I could get my freedom and a few hundred dollars worth of the necessaries of life such as clothing, medicines, tools, seeds fishing and hunting tackle and some books and writing materials, and with these things a couple of dogs and then clear out and go off to some far away lonely Island. Then I would be contented. No one would trouble me and I would trouble no one else. There I could have life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. I know of just such a place a small Island off of the San Blass Coast of Panama. I have been there before, years ago. The island had some hundreds of coconut trees on it, a spring of fresh water. The sea Tortoises come there to lay thier eggs. There are plenty of fish, some banana trees some mango and lime trees. The soil will grow any thing thats planted. This Island is about 40 or 50 miles off the reefs directly East by north from a place called Peters Island which is East of Chucumbally which is on the Main land and south of Povamella where the Panamanian Government has stationed their Port of Entry for traders on the San Blass Coast. I Was a trader and skipper, and owner of a small sloop down there in 1919 and 20 so I know what I am talking about. This Island is owned by the San Blass Indians and they visit it once or twice a year to harvest the coconuts and gather in the Eggs of the sea turtles, other wiseno one ever goes there. Thats what I would like to do and thats about the only way I would even think of living out my natural life. There I could live as I wanted to and I would not need conform to the standards set by other people in civilization. I am so set in my ways that I can not adapt myself to the ways of other people so that only way for me to do would be to live by myself without any human companionship whatever. I sure would like to try it that way. That is about all for this time, Now you answer me a question, What do you think about it? I expect tho that by the time you get around to answering this letter, I will have been tried, found guilty and sentenced to death or maybe I'll be already in my grave. So Long-

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A significant realization - A loner all his life it seems
This story should make wonderful scenes for television plays
or movies

8-1-78 make sure Hunter reads this letter. I believe he should read the entire autobiography. May give him some important ideas for play See if this letter in part or all of it is in Killer --

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Leavenworth, Kansas Nov. 28, 1929

I recieved your letter of Nov. 7. I wrote you two in answer and now this is the third one. In your last letter to me you asked me to seriously consider from all angles your propositoin. That is if I should be given a comutation of sentence or a pardon now and then given my liberty ~~with~~ with financial backing, what would I do with it. Could I and would I reform. In my other two letters I told you that I didn't lebeieve I could reform even if I had the opportunity to and if I wanted to. I am of the same opionion still. In the first place ^I very much doubt that there is the remotest possiblity of you or any one else having power enough to get me my freedom. In the second place I have no desire to reform under such conditions as would be required of me the way the laws of this country are today. In the third place I do not care to live any longer if I must live in prison. I would far rather die and go to hell if thats where people like me go to after death. I have very thoroughly considered this matter and I assure you that what I now say is the truth. My first reason for disagreeing with you is that I believe it is absolutly impossible for me to ever gain my freedom in a legal way because I have too much against me and too many people with my death. I have confessed 23 different cold blooded, premeditated murders, hundreds of cases of arson, burglarys, robberies, rapes and other crimes. The law has by this time looked em up and verified the truth of my various confessions. I am wanted in dozens of different s tates and other countries for every crime on the calender, from petty larceny to murders. I expect to go on trial here next month for the last murder I committed. At that time I expect to be found guilty of murder in the first degree and then sentenced to be hanged by the neck until I am as dead as a dodo or the man I killed here last June. and you can take it from me, neither will ever be any deaddr, than they are now. That one reason should be sufficient answer to your question. But just in case your not convinced yet that your dream is impossible of fullfillment I'll give you my second reason and that is that I could not reform if I wanted to. It has taken me all my life so far, 38 years of it for me to reach my present state of mind. In that time I have aquired some habits ~~xxxxxx~~ ~~xxxxxx~~ It took me a life time to form these habits and I believe it would take more than another life-time to break myself of these same habits even if I wanted to. My philosophy of life is such that very few people ever get and it is so deeply ingrained and burned into me that I dont believe I could ever change my beliefs. The things I have had done to me by others and the things I have done to them, can never be forgotten or forgiven either by me or others. I can't forget and I wont forgive. I couldn't if I wanted to. The lawis in the same fix. These are two very good reasons why your proposition is not feasable. Its only a dream on your part but I have no illusions as to its practicibility.

*Interesting observation of P
and excellent material
for psychological study*

*See previous
page for actual
reasm*

Letter received from Carl Panzram written to Henry P. Lesser.

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Leavenworth, Kansas Dec. 20, 1929

I recieved your letter of Dec. 7, several days ago but I delayed in answering it until now, because I wished to think matters over quite well before I reached the decision I have come to. I have been thinking for some time that our correspondency isnit worth while continuing. It does no one any harm but neither, on the other hand does it do me any good. I have been writing to you for a year or more and nowafter making a check up I find that from you I recieve more promises than any thing else. I cant spend your promises, so dont waste your and my time sending any more of them. You have written me several times that you enjoyed and may some-time in the future derive some benifit from my letters. Please bear in mind that I have no future. I may be brought to trial any day, just a few days ago I read in the K. C. Paper that The Federal Grand jury has indicted me for first degree murder and that the rider had declared that he will demand the death penalty for me. OK: by me. In any case have the means at my disposal and the determination to use them to wind things up. I am all thru and ready to check out. Either one way or another. In the mean time there is very little that you or any one else can do for me. All that I want and that you could get for me if you wanted to is some more reading matter. If you have been and still are sincere in the promises which you have made me then I believe its about time for you to fullfill them. If your unable or unwilling to do the little I ask of you then dont wast your time and my time in politeness and diplomacy. The address of the publishing Co. that publishes the two books I refferd to namely, Kants Critique of Pure Reason an Schopenhavers Essays for one buck each, is

Schultes Bookstore
No 80 Fourth Ave and 10th St.
New York City.

I should also like to have a subscription for 6 months to the Saturday Evening Post.

Also if you could possibly manage it I would like to have a three "3" months subscription to a New York Paper. Either the Evening Journal or the Graphic.

I believe that will keep me going as long as I'll be able to read.

I donot know Pat Crowe. I only know of him.

You have been saying and thinking of changing your line of work for a long time I think its about time you done it instead of merely thinking about it.

I am not in a very good humor for the past week or so for reas ns other than I have mentioned here by they wouldn't interest you even if if told you. Otherwise everything is lovely. I an getting fat and greasy, lousy and lazy and I dont think it will be long now. I mean time not my neck. I believe that my time is getting shorter but my neck will sonn be longer. More truth than Poetry perhaps but any way my address is still

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*a. u. day - means
prosecuting attorney*
See Kansas City Papers referred to in letter

This is first time he criticizes me. I believe it is due as he says in his last paragraph "I am not in a very good humor for the past week or so"

Read Leavenworth and Tozuka papers for this period

*meant suicide-check if possible with official records
or with Mac Connick
if so why did he order reading matter?*

Always burrows on my changing my work (See...)

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Leavenworth, Kansas,
Jan. 14, 1930.

I received your last letter of Dec. 7 th. I answered it on Dec. 20th. Since then I haven't written until now. I have been waiting for you to write. Instead of you writing me as letter I have received a daily newspaper. The N.Y. Evening Journal which I asked you for. Now I shall explain a few things to you that have been in my mind for some time but which I haven't said anything about. You know how suspicious I am of every one. I never believe anything that any one ever tells me. I always think the worst of everyone. Even when anyone does me a favor I always impute the worst motives for his doing so. I hate to believe anything good of any one. It is very hard for me to believe in such things as altruistic friendship. I cant believe in it myself and its practicly impossible for me to believe that anyone else can.

But I have known you for sometime now and I haven't ever yet known of you to be two-faced or selfish. You have always been quite frank with me in every way. You never have tried to fill me full of bull. You never flattered me or tried to gain anyting in any way from me. YOU have been pretty decent to me and now I am begining to believe that your only motive in writing to me is to be a friend to me and to do for me whatever good your able to. I realize that your not in a position to do a great lot for me. I don't expect it of you. Time is getting very short and soon I'll be where I wont need anything from any one. My troubles will soon be over. But before I leave this world entirely there are a few things that I can do for you. I can give you a few ideas on things that I can do for you. I can give you a few ideas on things that someday may prove to be of great value to you. I am not asking you for anything in return for what I will give you. I would have given these inventions of ideas long before now but I have been waiting to see if you would keep the promises that you have made to me. Now that I see that you are sincere and really mean ~~what~~ what you say I will try to reciprocate by doing some favors for you. You know that when I last saw you I told you that I had some ideas for new inverntions. Some I showed you, others I held back. Those I am now going to tell you about. you can do as you like about them. You can be samrt and make yourself a bundle of jack or you can be a boob and throw them away or give them away or let some one steal them from you. I know that these ideas of mine are very valuable if they are handled by the right man in the right way. One of my inventions which I told you of and which you made no use of, I have since told to another man here. He gave me \$5.00 for it. He in turn has drawn up the plans of the 5 - 6 and 7 compartment cases, He has sent them out to his folks, and they in turn have invested a little money in having a number of models made and they have applied

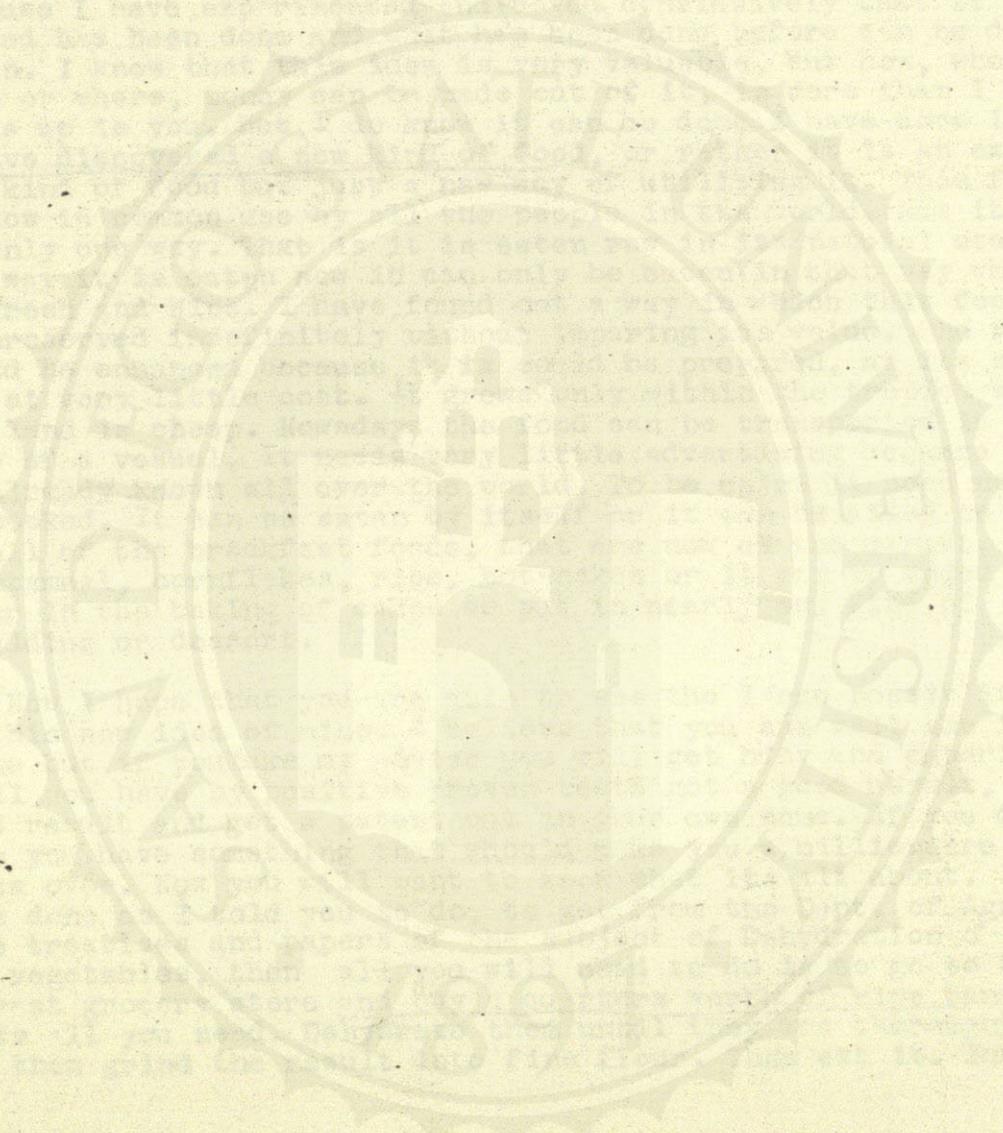
*I am flattered - Unusual tribute
from a man like Panzram*

*8-1-75 See if this letter in entirety is in Keller -- If not call it to
Hunter's attention. Tell bevere Hunter should read completely P. auto -*

Jan. 14, 1930

for a patent on it. They will make money on it. You and I will make nothing. This simply because you haven't the imagination to see the possibilities and me because I haven't the opportunities. Now then in these next letters of mine to you. I want you to get one permanent address and keep all of my letters for future reference. Let me know each and every letter you receive hereafter from

Carl Panxram
31614 Box 7.
Leavenworth, Kansas.



Letter received from Carl Panzram Written to Henry P. Lesser.

Post Office Box 7.
31614

Leavenworth, Kansas.
Jan 26, 1930.

I received your letter of Jan. 15th. I have been getting the Evening Journal of New York every day since the 11th of January. The book Critique of Pure Reason by Kant also reached me. So you see everything is all right. I am pretty well fixed for reading matter now. This is my third letter to you so far this month. I hope that you got the other two. In my last letter to you I explained an idea for an invention. It was nothing to get excited about. It wouldn't make you a millionaire if it should be successful. That one was only an idea which I have never worked out to a final conclusion. But in this letter I'll give you an idea that is not only pleasurable but possible as well. Because I have experimented and proved conclusively that it can be and has been done and what has been done before can be done again. I know that this idea is very valuable, but how, who, when or where, money can be made out of it, is more than I know. That's up to you. But I do know it can be done. I have done it. I have discovered a new kind of food, or rather it is an extremely old kind of food but just a new way of utilizing it. This food is now in common use by all the people in the world. But it is used in only one way. That is it is eaten raw in its natural state. The way it is eaten now it can only be eaten in that way while it is fresh and ripe. I have found out a way in which this food can be preserved indefinitely without impairing its value. The value would be enhanced because it ~~is~~ could be prepared, at its sources and at very little cost. It grows only within the tropics where labor and land is cheap. Nowadays the food can be transported in any kind of a vessel. It needs very little advertising because it is already known all over the world. To be eaten it need not be cooked. It can be eaten by itself or it can be added to any or all of the breakfast foods, that are now on the market, such as oatmeal, cornflakes, rice, hot-cakes or it can be added to the flour in the baking of cakes or put in nearly any kind of a pudding or dessert.

Now I hope that you are able to see the large possibilities in this new idea of mine. I believe that you can sell the idea alone but if you take my advice you will get busy and experiment until you have by positive proven tests got a good result, take that result and get a patent out in your own name. If you do this then you have something that should make you a millionaire many times over. Now you will want to know what it's all about. If you have done as I told you to do, to get from the Dept. of Agriculture some treatises and papers of the subject of Dehydration of fruits and vegetables, then all you will need to do is to go to the nearest grocery store and buy a quarters worth of ripe bananas. That's all you need. Dehydrate them until they are thoroughly dry and then grind the result into fine flour. Then eat it. You will

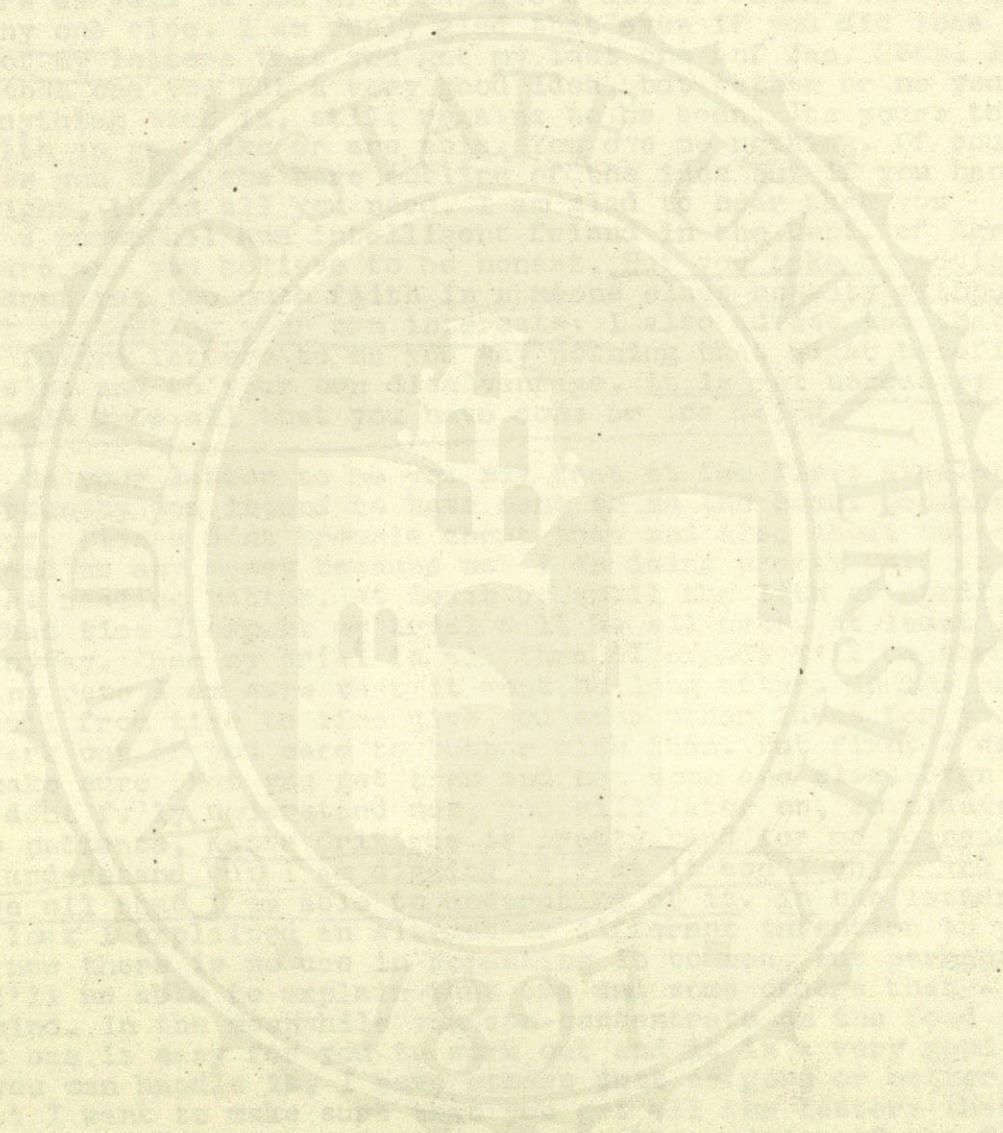
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Leavenworth, Kansas.
Jan. 26, 1930

Find that it is very good. I have done this myself and I know. Did you ever eat oatmeal with chopped up bananas in it? Thats something pretty good to eat but it is much better when it is fixed up as suggested by

Carl Panzram
31614. Box 7.
Leavenworth, Kansas.



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Letter received from Carl Panzram written to Henry P. Lesser.

Post Office Box 7.
31614

Leavenworth, Kansas.
Feb. 2, 1930
1930

The letter which you wrote on Jan. 29th. I received yesterday. In your letter you say that you received but two letters from me in Jan. You see if there hasn't been a mistake. Yes there has been a mistake, but it wasn't made by either you or me. I wrote you three "3" letters in Jan. Therefore one of my letters never reached you. How or where this mistake occurred I don't know. I can only suspicion. But I do know that the same mistake won't be made by me again. Hereafter, I shall take more precautions. I shall not write anything that the censor can take objection to. I hope that you will understand without going more fully into explanations. Just remember that others as well as you or I can see a dollar as far and as quick as any one else. I am really glad that even if you did lose one of my letters that you got my last one on Jan. 26th. In sending that one you got a very good idea, but whether or no you can do anything with it, still remains to be seen. It's yours to do with as you like or are able. You owe me nothing. Of course I gave you only the bare outline of the idea but if you handle it right, that's all you need. I am glad to hear that you have a powerful and intelligent friend in the Dept. of Agriculture who you believe to be honest. But you take my advice and don't put too much faith in someone else's honesty without first protecting your own interests. I also advise you that your future letters to me you say nothing that might benefit some one else and to your own disadvantage. It is not necessary that I should know all that you have done or are doing.

In your letter to me you say that at the first available opportunity you intend to have sent to me the book, Schopenhauer's Essays. Please don't trouble about that and also about bothering to send me any money because now I am doing pretty well as far as reading matter. At least up until the 11th of April, and by that time I expect my trial will be all over. At least I hope so anyway. When my trial is all thru, I expect I'll be thru too. At any rate I am sure that it won't be long after. In the meantime I shall from time to time give you some other ideas for you to work out if you care to bother with them. But first I want to make sure that you get them and not some one else. Even if you don't fully understand now, you will later on, so please have patience. Kant's Critique is pretty hard for me to read and understand but I am digging away at it and I enjoy and believe all that I am able to understand of it. In the letter that was lost I explained an altogether different intention to you but now there is no use in repeating it to you. But perhaps later on I'll be able to explain that one and some others that I have in mind. In the meanwhile you can concentrate on the food product. That one is easy for you to work out and it is a very good one if you can handle it, I have others just as good or better. But first I want to make sure that you get all the letters that I write to you. Should you receive an unfavorable opinion of the food

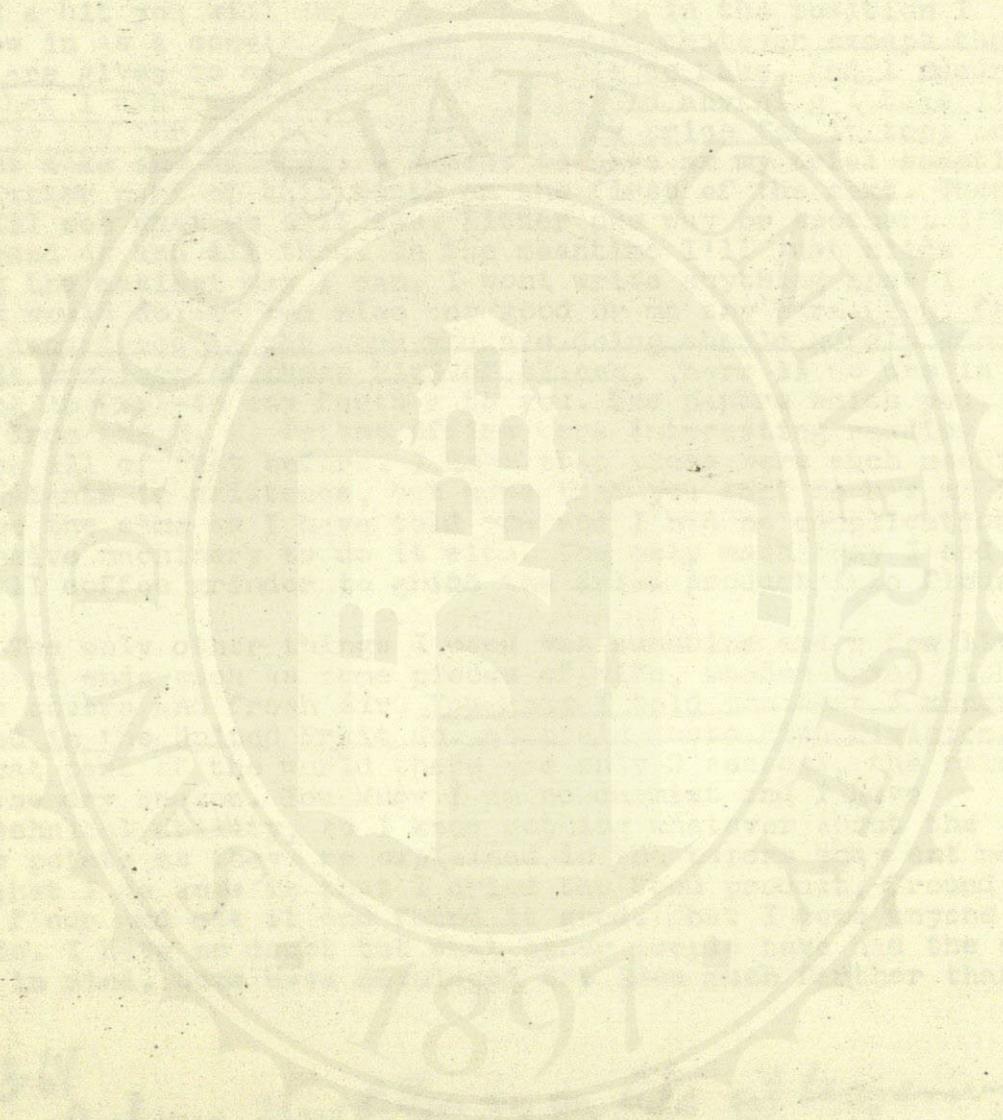
Insinuates that mail censor confiscated letters with money making ideas for his own use. It is interesting that he kept these ideas (conventions) until the last, as he says in his letter of Jan 14 he reestablished faith in me.

Letter received from Carl Panzram
Post Office Box 7

Feb. 2, 1930.

product, from the chemist of the Dept. Of Agriculture , dont give
up hope because neither he nor you know all that I have in my
mind. So long and luck to you from

Carl Panzram,
31614, Box 7.
Leavenworth, Kansas.



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See...
to...
Colonel...
Henry MacLennan...
with...
Dr. ...

Letter received From Carl Panzram written to Henry P. Lesser.
Post Office Box 7
31614

Leavenworth, Kansas
February 9, 1930

I received your last letter of Jan 29th which I answered last Sunday Feb. 2nd. Yesterday I received a package of literature from you which deals with patents. I wrote you three, "3" letters in January. One of em you didn't get. Why I don't know. I can only guess. Its useless to make any complaint about it. Just forget about it. The letter that was lost was a good one and I wanted you to get it. I wrote 2 double pages and I did not think when I wrote it that I put anything in it that was contrary to the rules there. But maybe I did. Anyway I won't write anything more like it or anything that some wise egg thinks he can make a dollar out of. Several times since I have been here I have tried to explain to about my mail privileges. I don't believe you have ever understood me. Surely if you stop and think a bit you will understand that, me in the position I am now in as a convict, I have no rights whatever except those that are given to me, or that I am able to take. And I assure you that I can take very, very little and anything I take I'll have to pay for and pay a hell of a big price for it too. So I don't take any chances. I expect to have my trial sometime the latter part of this month or the first of the next. Then we will see what we will see. Either one way or another. I'll be wound up and all thru. In the meantime I'll just slide along the easiest way I can. I won't write anything that I think would do any one else any good or me any harm. You, from your experience in the work you are doing should surely know the inside workings of these kind of places. There is no use in me trying to explain any further to you. The papers which you sent from the U. S. Patent Office were interesting reading, but I know all of that before. I knew that there were such machines and patents in existence, but none that you sent me has my idea. I done the same as I have told you and I had no complication or expensive machinery to do it with. The only machinery I had was a small coffee grinder to grind the dried product into flour.

The only other things I used was sunshine and a few little odds and ends such as some pieces of wire, wooden boxes with glass covers and fresh air. You know I told you that I ~~xxxx~~ once worked in the United Fruit Co. at their Costa Rica Division. In that part of the world there are only 2 seasons, the rainy and the dry season. You know I am no chemist and I have no technical ability, so I know nothing whatever about the finer points as they are explained in the papers you sent me. All that I do know is that I dried the Food product, ground it into flour and eat it and found it good. What I done anyone else can do. I have no doubt but what other people have had the same idea in mind. Some have developed the idea much farther than

3-364
w FB/P. Perhaps these letters are on file at Leavenworth
Perhaps thru M or A M ^{McCormack} can get at

3-364
I can't understand why letters were permitted
to be sent to me by P. Perhaps fear of exposure of
Colonel Peake using torture at post.
Perhaps Mac Cormack permitted it by interceding
with Warden.
Ask Mac Cormack

Feb. 9, 1930

I have, but none have done anything worth while with it. The finished product is not on the market. That's where it belongs and not simply stored away in some one's mind on a shelf in a store-room. Whether or no you can do this I don't know. That's up to you. I don't much like to write letters and I like it less when I take the trouble and time to write to you and then you have some one else have the benefit of what I write to you and thereby depriving you who I am writing it for. It won't be long now when it will be the end of

Carl Franzam,
31614, Box 7.
Leavenworth, Kansas.

3.64 Has intimated right along that mail censor
has confiscated Pideas for our personal use?
I believe I was the only correspondent I had.
Verily with respects

Letter received from Carl Panzram written to Henry P. Lesser.

Post office Box 7.
31614

Leavenworth, Kansas
Feb. 16, 1930

I wont waste much time in writing this letter because I dont know if you will get it or not. Some of my others that I took considerable time and trouble to write to you, you never got at all. I wrote you three, "3" letters in January and this is my third one this month, the other two I wrote on Feb.2 and Feb 9th. The last letter I got from you on Jan. 29th. But I did receive a package of literature in regards to patents from you.

My trial is soon coming up and in the meantime I am trying not to do anything, say or write anything which could be used as evidence to convict me of insanity. I know that there are some people who would like nothing better than to send me to the mad house. This I dont want because I would rather be dead. There are people here as there are elsewhere who are sincere in their belief that I am a lunatic, but there are others who know I am not insane but who want to have me declared mad. I dont want to give these people any more reasons to believe I am a bug. You know that one of the many different kinds of insanity is the invention bug. There are people in this world who are too stupid to invent anything now themselves and when they see someone else who has intelligence and ingenuity enough to discover a new idea, they at once say he is crazy but they themselves are not unwilling to ~~say~~ steal the same idea and profit by it. I have other reasons also, why at this time and place I dont care to write a great deal. First I shall wait until my trial is over with. Whatever the outcome may be, then it time enough to continue explaining some of my other ideas to you. In the meantime continue to have patience as I do.

Carl Panzram.
31614, Box 7
Leavenworth, Kansas

Letter received from Carl Panzram written to Henry P. Lesser.

Post Office Box 7.
31614

Leavenworth, Kansas March 2, 1930

Your last letter was received by me on Jan. 29th.
In January I wrote you three letters.

In February I wrote you four letters.

In this letter I am sending you three small watch-chains which I made out of some string. They are no good as they are. I only send them to you so you can see what they look like.

If I had a half a dozen spools of silk thread different colors, I would up a dozen or two of these trinkets and send em to you.

Just to pass the time away.

This will be all until I hear from you.

I am
Carl Panzram
No 31614 Box 7.
Leavenworth
Kansas

*I dont know whether I received these letters.
Try to get permission to study P's file at L or perhaps
at his complete file from L in Wash. Find out*

Letter received from Carl Panzram written to Henry P. Lesser.

Post Office Box 7.
31614

Leavenworth, Kansas
March 9, 1930

This evening I received your letter of March 6. also a return receipt from the P. O. in regards to the string watch chain which I made and sent to you. I expect I'll get the Sat. Eve. Post soon. I'll be glad to get it. Because I like to read and all that I have to read now days is the newspaper which you had sent to me. and the one I ordered with the 2 bucks you sent to me. I dont get any books or magazines anymore. I was getting both for a while but then towards the last, I couldn't get the kind I wanted so I refused to accept the ones that was offered to me so now I get none at all. The book which you sent me Kants Critique, I read for about a month but it is too deep for me to understand. The most of it went over my head. Finally I got so disgusted and discouraged that I went into a tantrum and in a mad rage, I tore it up into 10,000 pieces and fired it out of my door. That left me with my tow papers only and those I haven't been reading very much because for the past month I have been pretty hostile. I am allways mad any way like a mad dog but sometimes I get a little more peevd than at other times, and those are the times when most anything is liable to happen to me or any one else who may be near me. As you know I am confined in the isolation here, but its all right so far, no one has bothered me or abused me. There are men here who would talk to me if I would listen to them and if I cared to speak to them, but I wont do either one. There is no one here that I care to talk to or to have talk to me. For a while here there was one man that I used to talk to and to listen to occasionally but I finally broke off diplomatic relations with him and I agreed to disagree. Then lately there has been another man here who has tried to be diplomatic and civil to me for the past week or 10 days. From all outward appearances he seems to be not only willing but anxious to talk to me and to have me speak to him. But you know how I am, I dont believe any one means right by me. I believe bad of every one and good of no one. A man must be a real man or a man and a half before I'll believe any good of him and even then he must convince me that he means well by me before I'll believe any good of him. And believe me this takes some proving before I am convinced.

I understand now that I will not be tried in K. C. Kansas this month. I'll be put on trial here in the town of Leavenworth, Kansas early next month. That is providing that I consent to wait that long. I have waited for 8 months now and I am pretty tired of waiting. The longer I have waited the madder I have got until now I am so hot that I am liable to explode and blow myself completely out of, not only the prison, but out of this world also.

*Get full list of names of guards if possible
Interview them or have tapes made*

Further evidence of being a loner

Try to find out who he was. Perhaps Deputy Zerk

8-1-78 - Belini Stroed is the man

Letter received from Carl Panzram written to Henry P. Lesser.

Post Office Box 7.
31614

Leavenworth, Kansas.
March 16, 1930

I am writing you this short letter to try to let you know that I have received the first issue of the Saturday Evening Post

Also that I received a letter from you dated Jan. 29th. and one dated March 6th. Those are all.

I wrote you three letters in January, 4 in February and this is my third to you so far this month.

I dont know if you will get this or not so I'll not waste any more time in writing. I would write a good deal more if I had the assurance that you would receive all of my letters. But for some mysterious reason or other, when I do take the time and trouble to write you long letters, you never get em. There are a good many things I would like to write and tell you because I am sure they would be interesting to you and very possibly some might prove to be valuable also. But under the present circumstances it is useless for me to write all of what I have in my mind.

Well So Long for this time
I am still

Carl Panzram
31614, Box 7.
Leavenworth, Kansas.

3-64. Try to get all these letters

2-19-78 If I get some material from Federal Archives sent to me by F.B.I. (P. Smith), may any his missing letters to me are in his file

Letter received from Carl Panzram written to Henry P. Lesser.

Post Office Box 7.
31614

Leavenworth, Kansas
March 23, 1930

I received your letters of March 6th and 15th. I wrote you on March 16th, 18th, and today the 23rd. The only news that I have which might interest you is that the date of April 20th, 1930 has been set aside as the time I'll be tried and the place set as Topeka, Kansas in the U. S. Federal Court under the jurisdiction of Judge Hopkins and Judge Pollock.

Why there should be 2 judges I don't know or why the place chosen for the trial should be Topeka, I don't know either and care less. The only part that interests me is what the result will be and I already know what that will be.

It might pay you to get a subscription for your own use of a Topeka or a Leavenworth paper for the month of April next. In that way you'll learn more about my case than I could tell you in my letters. But in reading the papers you must remember to use your own judgment about what is printed about me because the papers are only interested in printing what they think their subscribers would like to read. The truth has very little appeal to them.

Both of my papers will run out on the 11th of April, but I don't want the subscriptions renewed, neither of them. What little time I'll have left after the 11th of next month, I won't care to spend in reading a lot of lies and hot air that the papers will publish about me.

I don't feel much like scribbling any more today so I'll cut this short here.

I am

Carl Panzram.
31614, Box 7
Leavenworth, Kansas.

3-64 Read Topeka papers for research
His analysis of newspaper is so correct

Letter received from Carl Panzram written to Henry P. Lesser.

Post Office Box 7
31614

Leavenworth, Kansas
March 30, 1930

I received your last two letters of March 6th and 15th.
I wrote to you on March 16th. 18th and 23rd and now the 30th.

You asked me in your last letter to continue to write down my ideas because you would like to get them. I am not doing any writing now adays, simply because I dont care to. There are a good many things I would like to write down, Some of which I believe to be of considerable value, and all of which I believe to be truthfull and interesting, but at the present time under the existing conditions it would be worse than useless for me to do any writing. Should conditions be changed in such a way that what I write wouldn't harm me but do me good and harm my enemies, Then I would be only too glad to express myself in writing.

You also asked me if there was anything you could do for me. Yes there is, You can, if you will, subscribe for the Christian Science Monitor, a Boston newspaper, for me by the month. one month at a time as long as I am alive to read it, which I believe will be not over 3 months at most and probably 2 months but possibly only one month.

At the present time I am getting 2 newspapers daily, but they both run out in a week or 10 days and I dont want either one of those subscriptions renewed. Soon the papers will be writing me up and putting me on the pan. They will be publishing a lot of hot air about me and I dont care much about reading things from some one elses point of view. The Monitor is a pretty good paper because it does not print a lot of bull or lies and no criminal news - but it does print can be depended on to pretty near true and the most of what it does print is on subjects which interests me, world affairs. This paper doesn't interest most people but it does me, I know your bank roll isn't very fat., but this wont break you I guess. How about that silk thread you were going to send me. When you do send it be sure that it is the rayon or imitation kind, like the bit I sent to you.

I dont know if you got all my other letters or not, but I believe not, but I think you'll get this one all right because no one can take exception to anything I have written here. Now I'll ring off in this one before I do write something. that not according to the laws of John L Sullivan or some other all powerfull God.

So Long

Carl Panzram
No. 31614, Box 7
Leavenworth, Kansas

John L Sullivan? Is he mail censor

*Interesting observation about Christian Science
Ministry - 8-1-18 Does Keller have this letter about CSM
if not call it to Hunter's attention*

*might have referred to boxing rules - John L
Sullivan, I believe was a famous boxer?*

Letter received from Carl Panzram written to Henry P. Lesser.

Post Office Box 7.
31614

Leavenworth, Kansas
April 2, 1930

I received your last 2 letters of March 6th and 15th.

I wrote you four letters since then. Mar. 16th, 18th, 23rd.
and 30th.

The only thing new that I can tell you is that the date of my trial has been definitely set for sometime this month, probably about the 14th at Topeka, Kansas in the U. S. Court under the Jurisdiction of Judge Hopkins.

I am in receipt of a letter from him in which he states that he has already appointed an attorney to defend me. His name is Capt. Ralph O'Neil of Topeka.

So Long -
Carl Panzram.
31614 Box 7.
Leavenworth, Kansas.

Captain of book?

SO LONG

*CP
#31614 Box 7
L. K*

If O'Neil is alive - make tape if he will cooperate

Letter received from Carl Panzram written to Henry P. Lessor.

Post Office Box 7.
31614

Leavenworth, Kansas.
April 5, 1930.

I received your letter of April 2, in which you state that you have not received all of the letters that I wrote to you.

I suspected that all along.

The officials here know who and what you are and knowing that they also know that you are not the type of man to do anything wrong in corresponding with me.

As for me I couldn't if I wanted to. Still my letters are stopped and no reason given me. I never know when a letter of mine will be held up by the censor here. The censor in this case is the warden here. He has the power to do just as he pleases with my mail and it seems to please him to stop some of my letters occasionally.

I can't stop him from doing this but what I can do and will do is to stop writing letters.

I won't write to you any more under the circumstances as they are now.

When if ever a change is made, then I will consider renewing our correspondence.

I am

Carl Panzram
31614, Box 7,
Leavenworth, Kansas.

In light of permission to read confiscated letters. In L on Washington?

Panzram must have been asked about me. How come correspondence permitted from that I might expect Colonel Peak for tortures of P?

Who was Warden TB White? Is he alive? 8-1-78 White was Warden at Leavenworth at the time P was there. He arranged the hanging of P

Letter received from Carl Panzram written to Henry P. Lesser.

Post Office Box 7.
31614

Leavenworth, Kansas.
April 17, 1930

I have known you for nearly 2 years. During that time we have been in correspondence with each other continuously with only a few brief interruptions. But now, circumstances are such that I believe the time has come for our correspondence to end.

Therefore, I am writing this letter which I now believe will be the last letter I shall ever write to you or anyone I else. I shall endeavor to explain to you a number of things that I believe you would like to know, and these explanations are the last I intend to make to you or any one else. Two months ago I killed a man here in this prison, yesterday - was taken into court, given a legal trial, found guilty of the crime charged against me, and then sentenced to death. This execution to take place here at this prison on Sept. 5th. 1930 between the hours of 5 A.M. and 9 A.M.

With my trial and the sentence of the court I am perfectly contented altho I have believed all along and I still believe that it was the intention of the court and the majority of those connected with it to give me the full benefit of the law, but not a fair and impartial trial. They succeeded in giving me a legal trial and between these two there is some difference, but this difference is in my favor. I prefer to have things just as they are now. I believe that the intentions of the people who tried me, was to perpetrate a travesty of justice, not to give me a fair and impartial trial but to give me a legal trial. The actual results accomplished are that I was not only given what the people wanted to give me, but what I also wanted them to give me. They gave me justice. This is the one and only case that I actually know of where law and justice were synonymous. I believe that I know what justice is and justice is what I have been wanting and trying to get all of my life but what I have never got until now, and I don't get that until the 5th of next September.

That is what I wanted to tell you first, but there are a number of other things that I also wanted to tell you. During my time in this prison I have received very fair treatment in every way. I have been treated far better than I have treated others and far better than I deserved to be and also better than I would mete out to others if I had the power which they have, if I was in their place and they were in my position. I don't deserve very many of the good things of this world. I expect very little and I ask for very little. Among the things that I think that I am entitled to and that I would like to have is enough reading

get at Zepher Papers April 16 especially

Of psychological interest. An unconscious desire for death? See Man Against Himself by Menninger who discusses deathwish

Quote this to possible publisher and also other letter where he tells of civilized treatment in L part of FBOP so that they will not worry about antagonizing U.S. Govt or Boy Pursons or Doff Justice

April 17, 1930

reading matter to occupy my mind and my time for the balance of my life which is very short. At the present time all of the reading matter I have is only one magazine, and that one is the Saturday Evening Post which you were good enough to have sent to me. This isn't enough for me. I want more. I realize that I can't have every thing I want but I want very little and that little I want to choose my own self. I do not want to read what others want me to read. Now this is what I want you do do if you will. I want you to choose from the following list a number of magazines and onw paper. The daily Christian Science Monitor which I would enjoy reading, that is the first 4 pages of it and the editorial page. The balance for the paper I think is all rubbish and not worth reading. That's the only newspaper I care to read. Amont the magazines I would like to read are the Mercury, The Forum, Time, The ~~East~~ Atlantic Monthly, Colliers ~~weekly~~, Liberty, The Pathfinder, and the Psychiatrists Review. I don't want all of these because I couldn't re d them all and it would be too much expense for you to go to. I wish you would subscribe for a few of these for 3 months for me. That's all I want from you. I believe that you will receive this letter and if you do I want you to ~~XXXXXX~~ acceed to this, my last request of you, and I want you to do it now and not wait until I am dead and then send me reading matter. I want to read now and not sometime next year.

I aslo wish to tell you that the silk thread which you sent me came here all right but I am not permitted to have it. Today I am going to ask the deputy warden here to return it to you. Also I am going to ask him to send to you the bead necklaces which I made and promised to send to you nearly a year ago, but which was taken away from me when I got into this jamb. If you get this letter you need not answer it, except by subscribing for some reading matter for me. That will be sufficient.

You are one of the very few men in this world that I know and who I do not wish to harm, and do not wish you any bad luck, but I do wish you all the good luck that you are entitled to, and it is my opinion that you deserve quite a bit of good luck. That is all that I care to tell you now. This will be the end of this letter and in 89 days from today will be the end of me.

Copperjohn 2nd.

Carl Panzram.

Psychiatric Review?

Look into history of name of
Copperjohn 2nd
Ask Moskowitz

Doesnt like censorship of reading matter.

8-1-78 See if this letter a part of it and in Keller

Leavenworth, Kansas
May 30, 1930

President Herbert Hoover,
c/o Attorney General Mitchell,
Washington, D. C.

I am writing this letter to notify you that
I have been tried in the U. S. Court for the crime of murder
in the first degree; I was found guilty and sentenced to be
hanged by the neck until I am dead.

I hereby notify you that I am perfectly satis-
fied with my trial and the sentence. I do not want another
trial.

Neither do I want to have that sentence changed
in any way.

The only way this sentence can be changed is by
the direct action of the President of the United States.
I believe that I am within my constitutional rights when I
refuse to accept a pardon or a commutation from the death
penalty to a sentence of life imprisonment, either in a
prison or an insane asylum.

I absolutely refuse to accept either a pardon or
a commutation should either one or the other be offered to me.

(Signed)

Carl Panzram,
No. 31614, Box 7.
Leavenworth, Kansas.

*How many prisoners up for death sentence
have written a letter asking for no intercession
Perhaps none*

Letter received from Carl Panzram written to Henry P. Lesser.

Leavenworth, Kansas.
June 5th, 1930

Inclosed in this letter I am sending you a number of different letters and articles that I have written since my trial April 15th and 16th. You can do as you please with them all.

Within the legal papers, journal entries and the certified copy of my indictment, you will find the names and addresses of all of nearly all of the men who had anything to do with my trial. Among them you will find the names of the doctors who were appointed and sat as a commission to inquire as to my sanity and who pronounced me to be insane, or of unsound mind, as you will see according to the Clerk of the U. S. Courts, Certified copy of the journal entries. I believe this verdict was unfair and I also believe that if you would send each or all of them a copy of the book of my life story, which I wrote and gave to you, they would be quite convinced that their verdict of insanity against me was and is unsound and not my mind that is unsound.

By this time you or they get this letter I'll be very very dead, so it wont make any diff to me, but it may to some one else some time.

(Signed)

Carl Panzram, 31614.

P. S. The other two letters, one to the president of the U. S. and the other to the Society for the Abolishment of Capital Punishment, I wrote but did not mail, because after I wrote 'em I found that it was unnecessary to mail them to those I wrote them too, so I am sending 'em along to you to do with as you like. Propably heave 'em into y ur waste basket, but anyway, they will help you to make up your mind as to my state of mind and my reasons therefor.

C. P.

364. I send Dr Karl Menninger the manuscript P.
8-1-78 - I can't remember when I sent Menninger P's manuscript. might have been before P's execution. Research
Find out when P. attempted suicide
It must have been in July or August 1930

I don't think I received the different letters and articles.

344 I gave them to Tom Gaddis I hope he returns them with manuscript

Did he make suicide attempt then?

If alive interview - all psychiatrists who examined P. Perhaps with Dr. Karl M. Cooper

Letter received from Carl Panzram written to Henry P. Lesser.

Leavenworth, Kansas.
June 5th, 1930

I am writing this letter today, June 5th, but I dont except to have it mailed to you until Septmeber 6, 1939, because on that day I will be dead and buried.

There are a good many things I would like to say or write to you, but because I dont know whether or not you'll ever get this letter, I cut it kind of short.

First, I want to tell you that up to now, I have been getting the reading matter which you were good enough to subscribe to for me, these including

The Saturday Evening Post
The Christian Science Monitor
The Forum
Time
The Pathfinder

and also the American Mercury, just now received.

I aslo want to tell you that I have enjoyed reading them all. There is nothing I can do for you to repay you for the many favors you have done for me, excepting to thank you and wish you good luck. I would like to be able to truthfully tell you that I do thank you, but this I cannot do, simply because there is no such thing as gratitude left in me.

There was at one time, but that time is long gone. Gratitude is one of the many things that have been kicked out of me. I can and do trutafully wish you good luck. All that you deserve and I am of the opinion that you are one of the very few men I have bver known that really deserve good luck in this world. You deserve what I have missed in life- happiness, peace and contentment.

As for me, I'll soon be at peace. I have never had the good fortune to find it in life, so I expect to find it in death. I hope so and believe so.

To some people my death will seem to come in a horrible form, but to me it seems a very eas way to die. I look forward to it as a pleasure and relief.

It is a far easier death than I have dealt out to some of the people I have killed. I couldn't and dont ask for any easier way to die.

He meant this. See reports of his death.

His attitude towards his hanging is so unusual

8-1-28 Is this letter in Keller? See Page 2 of this letter

This will probably be the last I'll ever write to anyone, because in just 90 days more I'll be hanged by the neck until I am dead. But I feel fine and am feeling better every day as the time grows shorter.

I intend to leave this world and I have lived in it. I expect to be a rebel right up to my last moment on earth. With my last breath I intend to curse the world and all mankind. I intend to spit in the warden's eyes or whoever places the rope around my neck when I am standing on the scaffold. I always did want to spit in a copper's eye and also a preacher or priest. That will be all the thanks they'll get from me. I don't know which I despise and detest the most, a copper or a buck. I guess the soul-saver takes the palm. I have met only one priest that I felt I could respect, but I have known quite a number of coppers I could, did and still do respect. You are one of them. I never have liked any of them, but I did respect 'em, when they have deserved it - and some do - not many, but some anyway.

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Leavenworth, Kansas,
June 25, 1930

The other half of this letter I wrote 20 days ago. Since then conditions here have been changed a bit. Not very much, but just enough for me to commit suicide tonight instead of waiting until September 5th to be legally hung.

So if I succeed in my effort at suicide tonight, then this will sure be the last I'll ever say or write on this earth.

The choice is mine and I fully realize just what I am doing.

I would like to have it known just why I do this. I had no choice about coming into this world and nearly all of my 38 years in it I have had very little to say and do about how I should live my life. People have driven me into doing everything I have ever done. Now the time has come when I refuse to be driven any farther.

Tonight I die and tomorrow I go to a grave farther than that no man can drive me I am sure glad to leave this lousy world and the lousier people in this world; but of all the lousy people in this world I believe that I am the lousiest of 'em all.

Today I am dirty, but tomorrow I'll be just

To get all facts about ^{DIPP} attempted suicide
He acted this out as predicted

Is this the last letter? Apparently he didn't write any more letters, but if he did they were confiscated
Never felt so much at peace. Psychiatrist may have explanation

What a scene (more a telethon, this would make
As Henry Miller ^{said} "What an ending for a man
(His rushing the guards ^{upstairs} to the gallows)

8-1-30 If this letter is not in Keller - call to the attention of ^{Sanitar} - still feel
He should read the complete auto before committing peace
I respected some copper who says in this letter