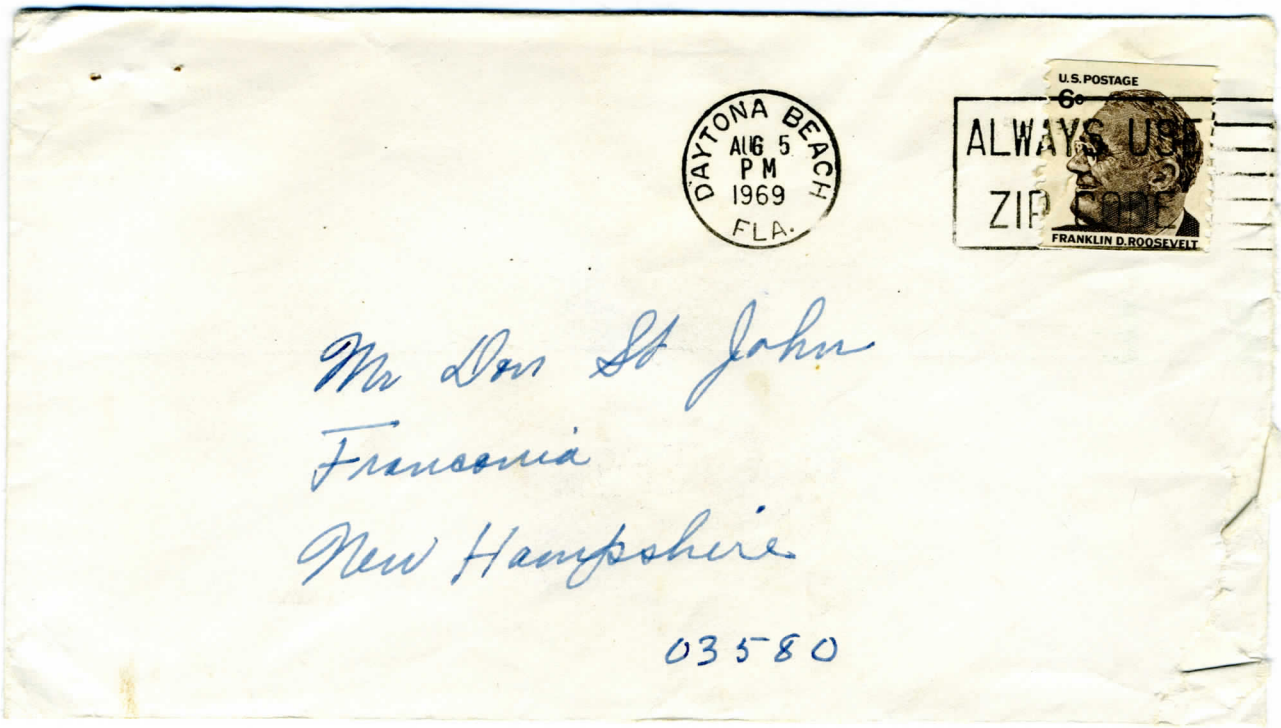
Monday

Dear Don,

It is probably well to back off from Hemingway from time to time. I feel sometimes that you identify too closely - and that distorts vision. Sometimes he was strongly one thing and sometimes another. You will get as many views as the number of people you interview. My view, as the idealistic teen ager - full of hero worship for someone over my head - will hardly fit with most. It wouldn't fit with what I might think, with mature judgement, about his life. Another reason for not wanting to think about him or read about him - as what he wrote. I want to leave him - and his family and Harlon's Bay - back there where they belong. We were all young then, and are now just as dead as those who are truly dead. When Carol Card Bowen and her husband were here last month - she told me that when she went to a

family wedding in Peterboro N. Y. —
she heard about an old cemetery with
many Bumps dating back to revolutionary
century. She historical records described
them as large handsome people peerless —
honorable — determined. That sounds
like grand father, George Bump from annealing family
so the name Bump must have been changed at
some long ago —
Bill Able does a lot of researching
about Michigan. I hope you will
look him up should he be at the
cottage while you are there. You
would like him. He was only a
small boy when Ernest was at the
Bay — but no doubt has heard things.
I have never discussed the subject with
him.
I don't want to be a solid rock — even
a feminine one. I am no matriarch.
My string tie is all entanglement.
for now —
Sid Jr will be down about the
twentieth —


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