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Hopefully down the road there will be a newsletter that will fill this space but for the time-being, I will try to keep us up to date.

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Being senior and in the throes of Covid-19 is no picnic. I wish I could say that we're in the middle of this crisis but the media bombardment sort of point out that this could be with us for a while.

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The biggest issue is the isolation that is required to try and nip this virus in the bud. However, the fine weather that we had at the start of November granted us an opportunity to have an outdoor breakfast at Roger Stone's property. A well managed, socially distanced event of pancakes, sausages, coffee and juice in the great outdoors. This could have been a long-johns occasion but the sun shone, the temperature cooperated and the whole scene was helped by the sunny dispositions of all those in attendance.

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In other news, there is nothing more entertaining than 11 old guys trying to get a handle on technology. In order to continue to function as a group in our isolation pods, we explored trying to communicate using a social media app. The scene unfolded like this: we agreed to all join the meeting; we all accepted the invite from the host; and that's when the fun began: I think that everyone was operating on a different platform; the host tried to help get everyone tuned in with audio and video but the buttons on each platform are in different locations; for some the app was completely new to them; added to the fun was that the app had a 40 minute time limit. The upshot of this comedy was that we spent 15 minutes getting started, 20 minutes conferencing and 5 minutes winding down. But the good news is that it actually does work and, with a little perseverance, training and a subscription, we should be able to communicate more frequently and, as long as we don't conference for more than 24 hours, discuss until a decision is made.

I am pleased to hear that many of you are reaching out to your fellow shedders and either socially distancing while going for a coffee or picking up the phone and giving someone a call.

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I will end here and hope that everyone has a safe and healthy life during this interesting time.