

2/14/95

Dear Dal,

Yours of 2/5 with enclosures and one from Craig will have to wait a while for any real response. Please tell him if you are in touch. C & G just dumped half the page proofs of NEVER AGAIN! on me and I did not get very far before it was apparent all over again that after there was agreement on the editing and it was not to be touched they had it edited and cut, I fear more heavily than I will like, and the re-editing, which had been kept secret from me, in the very earlier pages has errors that will disgrace me.

And I can't do a thing that will alter any page! Which makes correction not exactly easy.

a year + a half ago!

It seems apparent that they had it retyped after our agreement on the editing and then just sat on it, keeping it secret from me. I believe this because the retyping does not include the Epilogue and the Afterword, both much later, written much later.

So I have to devote all the time possible to that and then will have another batch in about two more weeks. That will be the part not received yesterday.

Supposedly it was just copyread. Most by far of the questions asked of me are the page numbers of the JAMA ^{magazine} articles each of which in each citation is identified by its date. At the same time ~~the~~ rewriting has me referring to myself in a ^{single} paragraph in both the first and the third persons. And citations with the source not within ^{parent} pages but the ^{date} only is. And I'm just beginning. I had trouble staying asleep last night after reading just a half-dozen pages.

Most of yesterday was taken up with my semi-^{annual} cardiovascular checkup in Baltimore ("You are holding your own," which is, I think, a wee bit optimistic) and today with blood testing, etc., a little shopping because there is the prediction of a snow storm tonight turning to freezing rain and sleep and that will keep us octos. in. God willing in less than two months we will have, between us, accumulated 165 years and that means be careful to keep them going. Probably have to reschedule some hospital tests, I think including an MRI, which would have taken much of tomorrow. As it will another day. For G.L.

If this does not bear tomorrow's postmark it means we did not get out for the mail and the weather was such no neighbor brought the incoming to us.

I think doing the course first is the better approach and I'm sorry that you are being practically evicted. Hope you can find a place like we did and still have it convenient. Some one is going to build on one side of us, a single family house, but we own all the rest in any direction and it is heavily treed. My culling them used to provide our heat. I've given all my wood saws and equipment to others, even the machete from World War II that was so good in keeping the woods cleaned up. Just remembered- I still have the wedges and a ^{sal} sassafras "glut" as farmers used to call much thicker wood shaped like a wedge. It must be more than 20 years old, badly battered but last I saw it, till solid. More when I can, with our best,

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Harold