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Dear Paul, Peter, and Russell,

Thank you very much for the generous check which accompanied Paul's letter of the 20th. I am looking forward to seeing the finished book and would like to order one hard-cover (cloth) copy and five paper-back copies at the 40 per cent discount rate.

I read the prepublication announcement pamphlet with care and admiration. I am especially grateful for the many generous references to my work which are to be found in the text. It is an excellent introduction and guide, particularly because it sets all these events (1963 to date) in perspective.

One of the gratifying features, for me, is the reprinting of my piece on Charles Givens and of Belin's so-called "reply". Perhaps this notorious and unsavory example of the way in which the Commission and its staff worked will now get more attention than was possible when the articles were available only in The Texas Observer.

My own relations with Random House are mainly non-relations. RH deals with Bobbs-Merrill; both houses seem to feel that the paper-back edition has nothing to do with me and that I do not need to be consulted about price, jacket, or the like. I suspect that my experience with RH will turn out to be no better than your own. I was told that Accessories would be out in February; then, in March; most recently, again in February. We will see.

I should like to take this opportunity to congratulate all three of you for the successful completion of what must have been a most complex and onerous job of anthologizing. I think your book will perform a very valuable and necessary service in acquainting the public with the serious criticism and the real issues. It has been entirely pleasant to be in touch with you on this project and I can only hope that it will meet the great success that it richly deserves.

All my cordial and friendly good wishes for the New Year, and for the fruition of all our endeavors.

Yours very sincerely,



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