

5 December 1969

Dr. Cyril H. Wecht
Coroner of Allegheny County
542 Fourth Avenue
Pittsburgh 15219

Dear Cyril,

My warm congratulations on your election as Coroner. I had not been able to discover the outcome of the race from the New York papers, which explains why I have not sent my good wishes before now. Our friend Ted Kupferman has also succeeded in his bid for election to the New York State Supreme Court, as you may know, which gives the WR critics two friends in court, so to speak. But every silver lining has a dark cloud: unhappily, Garrison has sewed up another term as DA.

About the letter you received from Whitney Joy--both Tink Thompson and I have the impression, from similar letters Joy sent to me, that he has nothing very new to say, and says it rather poorly. His theories coincide to some extent with those of Robert Forman, but Forman writes in a lucid manner while Joy unfortunately is turgid and does not make his arguments clear or explicit. I let my correspondence with him lapse, as it did not seem to warrant the time required to puzzle out his lengthy letters or to reply responsively.

I don't believe that you ever met Bob Ockene, the executive editor at Bobbs-Merrill who accepted my ms. and edited my book, becoming my very dear and treasured friend over the three years that I knew him. Several months ago I learned that he was stricken with leukemia and this week, to my heart-sick sorrow, Bob died at the age of only 35. As JFK said, life is not fair.

Again, my congratulations and very best wishes,

Sincerely,

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