

25, June, 1974

Dear Sylvia,

Only a note--belated, at that--to reply to your query re financial arrangements for indexing and a remark or two. My experience has been that the publisher pays the indexer directly and that that sum is deducted from the royalties of the author. I have no reason to think that Stein and Day operates differently. If you have received any information to the contrary, let me know. As far as the specific receipt of the reimbursement, I think simply telling them that it has been farmed out (with my approval), under your supervision, and that the check should be made to whomever, will suffice.

And so the "other CIA" is gone. I abstained from participation and voting, deciding that my contributions had been nil in the past two years and so had little right to interfere with the decision of the "activists."

Several days ago my meagre news resources out here indicated that, the Supreme Court having declined to interpose its authority, a hearing would be held to determine whether JER would get a (new?!) trial, and that the date for that hearing was to be announced by the judge by (I believe) Friday last. Despite attending all possible channels of amplification, I have heard nothing. Have you any report on the date of the hearing.

The Damoclean mid-east sun seems ready to burn through the thread of armistice inexorably, despite the blindness or duplicity of "a new era of peace" promulgated by our pastors (for are the people not sheep) power.

To date, we have had about eight fine and four fair days of weather--it might as well be Greenland, or Central America, without the heat (as it often rains almost continually for days and days, and nights and nights, as well).

Hope all goes well, you are going to be able to get away for a rest, and that sooner, rather than later, we will spend some time together again. As always,

My very best,


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