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Dear Harold,

I am really sorry to see from your copy correspondence with your publishers and with the NY Post that you are suffering these frustrations and typical book-reviewer-offenses. I doubt that you will get any satisfaction from Barkham or the NY Post but I certainly hope that your publishers don't vanish in the night. You certainly have nelluck with the book merchants!

If you have had favorable comments on my Givens article, I am delighted. (From whom, by the way? I guess Bernabei, to whom I loaned a copy, more or less in reciprocation for his sharing his own materials with me at times.) I enclose a copy for you to read and please return after reading. The Texas Observer accepted it for publication; then, at my suggestion, sent copies to Belin and Ball for their comments, if any, in advance. As of December Ball had not replied at all; Belin had sent a frantic accusation that the article was false, inaccurate and libelous, without a scintilla of "fact" in support of his fiction. The editor of TPO was going to press Belin to document the alleged falsehoods, errors, and libels; that was the last information I had. Meanwhile, I hear rumors that ~~the~~ TPO is in difficulties, copies have not been appearing on the newsstands, etc. So I do not know the present status.

Should you find any weak spots in the article, as to fact or reasoning or conclusions, I would be glad to have your comments.

And, belatedly, Happy Birthday, and many, many more.

As always,