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Dear Harold:

Glad Lil is feeling better. We hope all the medical procedures go well. Dave Wrone called me a few days ago, and we had a pleasant talk. Dave is so nice. I always kid him that he is treated like those astronomy profs who claim they have been on UFO's. His history department must be even more closeminded than most.

I'll take what you said about Conan O'Brien under advisement.

I thought the afterword to Never Again was excellent. I am afraid that I have gotten in the habit of trying to catch mistakes, but not commenting on the content.

I told Betsy about the James Tague- Gerald Posner story. She was just amazed, but I told her it is just like all the other BS books, he just makes stuff up.

A few months ago you told me that Philly was a very unfriendly town. Now we have scientific proof!

I'm glad Hana and you all liked the Derby glasses. I thought they were especially pretty this year. I also sent some to the other guys.

Betsy cashed a ticket on the Derby, but I did not. Can I borrow some money for the Preakness?

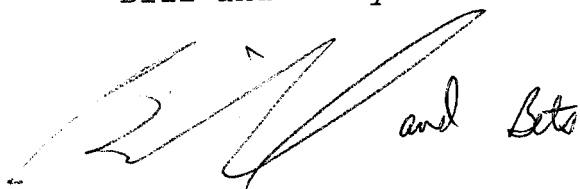
A guy who was a notorious gambler asked his friend for a loan, said he had to feed his wife and kids. His friend said, "I'd lend you some money, but how do I know that you won't gamble it away?" The gambler said, "Oh, don't worry about that. I've got gambling money!"

Anyway, I hope to finish Case Open this weekend. Maybe I'll submit the review to the Lexington paper. I do wish Wrone or someone could get a review of it or Selections published in a big paper. I am still waiting for my review to be published here in Louisville. I will admit, I am ignorant of the politics of book reviews.

Say Hi to Lil and tell her to be careful!

With hopes of publicity for your books to come soon,

Bill and Betsy

Handwritten signature of Bill and Betsy. The signature consists of a large, stylized 'W' followed by 'and Betsy' written in a cursive script.