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Dear Max,

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I am surprised, disappointed and insulted at Yarmen's letter and your
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attitude. Before going specifically into Yarmen's charges let me point
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out that there is no reason why you "couldn't" send me the money or an
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didn't ~~know~~ ~~yourself~~, H-thaf this & taff to the same purwicentish oban bad I baA
particular was being revised. Just as an example of what your failure
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to drop me a note since July has cost you: the Marine Corps here
misunderstood my request that they sent the material over to you by mail but
a certain day they didn't get it because they didn't know what date it was sent
I had carefully written chilb message to them; with both mail and addressee
I had no way of knowing up until a fully understand standing they would have, even
but had I had any reason to call them on the phone during the past week it would

it would all have been straightened out pronto. As it is, I have given
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the marine corps down here all the questions you asked me last night and
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have been told they will send all the material to you in a few days.
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Previously I spoke to Riley Morris, who said she'd do what she could.
,i ever told her to tell the men the phone during the past week it was

So it must be obvious to you that you could have had this stuff, had
Yarmen ever indicated that he ~~had~~ ^{had} received it. Remember, it was I
who suggested that I pick it up and mail it myself and you who said to
have them do it under frank.

In addition, the local recruiting office will send you everything ^{they} ~~they~~ can
on recruiting, although the NY address I gave should have been able
to supply more.

About the Coast Guard: I wrote Yarmen a long letter on this, with
whatever data I could get. In the letter I refer to things sent that he
claims never to have received. I also carefully and repeatedly explained
not only that the whole thing was being revised but that it would not
be completely revised until after Thanksgiving. I concluded this letter as
follows:

...I do know though you will have more questions so please get them in
here posthaste because I'll be out of town next week. If you have
any problems with the above, after Thanksgiving, call me at 212-
3014, 1300 E. St., new Coast Guard Public Relations, will
be available for any questions you may have.

And I had made this arrangement with the Petty Safety Readiness Assistant, which
means now just to maximize us as fast as possible and save valuable time.
What the hell more can be expected of me?

And that's the way it is. The Marine Corps didn't tell you that you
had to do it. They promised to send you all the stuff from your Navy file a
quarter of a mile in length, follow the stay overhand rule, don't you dare do bad I
work around. I don't care if you're in the Army, Corps, Navy, or whatever, and bad I
dutifully got you off your military arm and to you, of course, prosecution. If bad I
never even I, at all, among two benefits is a need even if it's below it

Well, enough on that. It's just that whatever work I do I like to do well,
but this is just as before now and I'm not going to let it be even when you ask me to do it
no matter how little or much I get for it. I can't work any other way,

.and we're at the end of the day and it's been a long day and need even
and after rushing my balls off for you guys, dropping other, more profitable
.work to do it (and I lost \$100.00 because of it, whether you believe it

or not, on a very simple thing that fell through because I couldn't
stand ~~people~~ ~~now I have~~ ~~time to burn and still~~ ~~not~~ ~~I~~ ~~had~~ ~~time~~
give it personal attention. I thought it was taken care of, but, like the
marines, it wasn't. I find that you are horsing around with paying me,
~~as soon as~~ ~~if~~ ~~you~~ ~~have~~ ~~time~~ ~~to~~ ~~burn~~ ~~and~~ ~~still~~ ~~I~~ ~~had~~ ~~time~~ ~~to~~
and Vernon is cooking up insults. And while on this subject, and his
~~behavior~~ ~~of~~ ~~mine~~ ~~I~~ ~~had~~ ~~time~~ ~~to~~ ~~burn~~ ~~and~~ ~~still~~ ~~I~~ ~~had~~ ~~time~~
grins about how much money it is going to cost: Just check over the
~~amounts~~ ~~you~~ ~~have~~ ~~time~~ ~~to~~ ~~burn~~ ~~and~~ ~~still~~ ~~I~~ ~~had~~ ~~time~~ ~~to~~
number and kind of questions he sent me. He grappled around with what
~~questions~~ ~~you~~ ~~have~~ ~~time~~ ~~to~~ ~~burn~~ ~~and~~ ~~still~~ ~~I~~ ~~had~~ ~~time~~ ~~to~~
appears to me to be unimportant compared with what you now lack.
~~the~~ ~~insults~~ ~~even~~ ~~you~~ ~~have~~ ~~time~~ ~~to~~ ~~burn~~ ~~and~~ ~~still~~ ~~I~~ ~~had~~ ~~time~~ ~~to~~
Now frequent I am glad ~~you~~ ~~have~~ ~~time~~ ~~to~~ ~~burn~~ ~~and~~ ~~still~~ ~~I~~ ~~had~~ ~~time~~ ~~to~~
Here is the situation, as of this afternoon, on the Coast Guard:
~~first~~ ~~introduction~~ ~~view~~ ~~a~~ ~~cell~~ ~~at~~ ~~adT~~ ~~now~~ ~~you~~ ~~have~~ ~~time~~ ~~to~~ ~~burn~~
Riley Moore has spoken to Lt. Luth., who is in charge of the Cadet
training. He will send you whatever they have printed or mimeographed.
~~so~~ ~~you~~ ~~will~~ ~~be~~ ~~able~~ ~~to~~ ~~ask~~ ~~him~~ ~~any~~ ~~question~~ ~~you~~ ~~have~~ ~~time~~ ~~to~~ ~~burn~~
I can't talk to him because he has gone for the day. She suggests, on
his recommendation, that write me any specific questions you may have
~~then~~ ~~he~~ ~~will~~ ~~be~~ ~~able~~ ~~to~~ ~~answer~~ ~~them~~ ~~you~~ ~~have~~ ~~time~~ ~~to~~ ~~burn~~
after going over what you get, and he says he'll answer whatever he
~~can~~ ~~you~~ ~~have~~ ~~time~~ ~~to~~ ~~burn~~ ~~and~~ ~~still~~ ~~I~~ ~~had~~ ~~time~~ ~~to~~
So far as I'm concerned, I'd prefer that you write them to him.
~~the~~ ~~same~~ ~~place~~ ~~as~~ ~~you~~ ~~have~~ ~~time~~ ~~to~~ ~~burn~~ ~~and~~ ~~still~~ ~~I~~ ~~had~~ ~~time~~ ~~to~~
leaving me out of it, because I have too much to do. But if you prefer
me to do it I will, ~~extremely~~ ~~you~~ ~~have~~ ~~time~~ ~~to~~ ~~burn~~ ~~and~~ ~~still~~ ~~I~~ ~~had~~ ~~time~~ ~~to~~
day, so I can try and squeeze it and my other work all in.

I wired you this morning "Coast Guard and Marine Corps material being
collected and sent in day or two." That is what Riley Moore told me,
and I expect the Marine Corps, as a consequence of my work, will do
that. What I did for you today is for nothing, but any work I do for you
following this on the book I can't do for nothing. I will do it at the
rate we agreed on, if you want me to.

I believe you said last night you'd send me the balance due today. In
case you didn't, please do so. It is something like \$21.00 for repayment
of expenses and about \$45.00 for time. You have the exact figures.

Frankly, Max, I assumed you'd tell just what you wanted to do, so I
didn't tell you what you wanted to do. I thought I would do what you
would do if it were up to me. I thought I would do what you wanted to do,
or will, for the work, at a rate I agreed to, but I did it more as a
kind favor to the friend of a friend. Had I any idea I would be insulted,
as I have been by Yarmon, or that you would play games about reimbursing
my expenses and paying the balance due - or had I thought your estimate
of the time required was an wrong as it was, I'd not have undertaken the
work. And, from the things you wrote me and told me I thought you
rather liked my work. This is also a very surprising turn.

Well, now you know what the situation is. Unless I hear from you to
the contrary, I'm finished with it. And it must be clearly understood
henceforth that any work I do is on the basis of \$17.50 per hour
plus expenses, to be paid during the week following delivery.

I still hope your book comes along well, goes to press soon, comes out
and sells so many copies you become a millionaire.

Yours truly,
Harold Weisberg