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Dear Max:

Thanks for your letter of the 18th and the enclosed check, which clears everything.

I am reluctant to enter into any further controversy about Yarman's points. I think there is, both generally and specifically, no merit in that type of argument with respect to this kind of work, and I am confident you well understand this, even though he apparently doesn't. It seems clear to me that you have recently had experiences in New York that show you exactly what the situation is.

I felt, after writing you last Friday, that you would probably want me to do something else to help you, and I arranged my work to keep two afternoons on which I could have done something for you. On Friday, I spoke to both the Marine Corps and to Riley Moore.

From the Marine Corps I gather that they have sent you everything they think they have here in answer to each and every question you read to me over the phone last week. From Riley Moore I gather that your wife, which reached her, to use her words, in the middle of the night, reflected the lack of Coast Guard material. She suggested what I suggested last week, but I did not go over to the Coast Guard because I have not heard from you on whether or not I should. She told me she would communicate with you.

As things now stand with me, if you should change your mind and want me to do something about it, I can't possibly through Thursday, but if you were to let me know by Wednesday, there is a good chance I could on Friday.

Of course, if I don't hear from you, I will again assume you don't want me to do anything further.

I am sorry this unpleasantness cropped up, and I sincerely hope that, whatever our relationship in the future, there will be no more of it.

Yours very truly,

Harold Weisberg