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Dear Bud,

We appreciate your offer.

I gave "il your letter and we agreed that we should think about it and then talk about it. (She still has your letter, is taking her Sunday morning soak, which turns into a nap, but it helps her arthritis, so I'm using Jim's address, which I believe is the same as or next to yours.)

Your presumption is the one I make: she'll likely outlive me. With only one Social Security check it will be more difficult making out than now.

I will not influence her judgement but if she doesn't say anything before long I'll raise the question.

I've not thought it through, either. However, I have given Hood my word and it is preparing to build a new library, with accomodation for my stuff in the plans.

So, I'll have my own thinking to do.

Sorry your visit was so brief. There is so much we ought to talk about and never have time for.

If Jim hasn't told you, John H. Davis is doing a book on the mafia. I got a "ood student to do the research he wants done in my files. She is working for him Saturdays and Sundays and is here now.

I've asked her to keep clear notes on what she does, in addition to what I've written him and she will.

So far it is looking names up and copying records.

I'm not keeping separate copies of what we copy for him.

Her notes will probably be largely the names searched and the records located or not located.

Want a copy when she's finished?

Today I asked her to use a separate page on each name. Last week she didn't.

As Jim can tell you because Davis sent him a copy of his letter to me, thus far he is pleased with her work.

I've not read the records she copied because I don't see any mafia-assassination connection and preferred Bob Woodward's Veil, which I think is excellent.

I was given Tip O'Neill's Man of the House. Reads like him and the stories are, I'm sure, genuine, typical and to me interesting.

Best to you all,


Harold Weisberg

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October 15, 1987

Mr. Harold Weisberg
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Dear Harold:

On my way home last night, I got to thinking that it is a shame that you cannot benefit financially both during your lifetime and after your death from your enormous collection of materials. I respect your decision to will it to Hood, though I believe that it will be greatly underused there.

Is there any inducement which could make you change your mind. What I had in mind was a gift to AARC, with a promise that Hood should have the right to xerox any part of it which they desired. In return, I would arrange purchase of an annuity for Lil; she will not be rich, and it would supplement such things as Social Security.

Give it some thought.

Warm regards.

As ever,



Bernard Fensterwald, Jr.

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