

Hyattstown, Maryland
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Dear John:

Thank you very much for printing the card. I could read it much faster than I could your letter! I do appreciate the stamps, too, as I'm sure the kids will when I finally deliver them.

I'm glad your book is coming along. Slow it may be, that is not necessarily a handicap. I think Harold writes too fast and doesn't do as well as he might if he took more time. But he gets an idea, the words start flowing and he hammers them out on the typewriter, being not as careful with phrasing and wording as I think he might be. He also seems to have a parental feeling towards the words he labors over. I suspect he feels somewhat like a mother who has produced a child and then is told she brought forth the wrong one - at least, that's the impression I get when I suggest making changes at times. I must admit, tho, that it isn't as pronounced as it was with WHITEWASH.

You know he was working on WWII. Well, that has now been delayed until about May (we hope that soon) because he is now doing an OSWALD IN NEW ORLEANS, a good bit of which he took out of III and then added to. He also has a Manchester book due and OINO was due last week. He has met Starr once for a very brief time, likes him, and thinks a deal may be working out.

As for Garrison, he is not "involved" with him except thru WHITEWASH which the Washington Post on March 3 said scripted the New Orleans action. We think Garrison has something, but whether or not he will ever be able to accomplish his purposes is questionable. As you might know, the press and air are filled with statements, snide, sneering, sniping, derogatory, and frequently ill-advised, as we hope time will prove, from all sorts of sources, official, semiofficial and unofficial, attributed and unattributed, in what seems mostly an attempt to force him to divulge his information and sources. And then, of course, there would be all sorts of charges of "trying the case in the newspapers", etc. Anyway, we're rooting for him. And there have been some very interesting developments.

And speaking of developments, here are some thermofaxed copies of some Baltimore news you may be interested in. McKeldin made a further statement that the present tenant would continue to occupy the premises and insurance would be reinstated.

It's too bad you haven't been able to see much of the country yet. I hope you will be able to see much of it before you return home.

Spring seems to be having difficulty making up her mind she wants to stay around, but the birds and our geese seem to think it's definite and are making appropriate preparations.

I do hope you will get much pleasure out of your trip as well as worktime. And we're looking forward to your next letter.

Sincerely,