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Dear Harry,

I'm glad to be able to report what you could not in a reversal of the situation, that I could read almost every word in your exultant letter of the 14th.

And I'm sad to report that I don't know what the younger generation is coming to. Taking a weekend off? Softie? I never did!

What you report justifies exultation.

I know the odds.

I see the Baltimore Sun only two weekdays now because the only nearby source is no longer a source. And this is true only for the ending Orioles season. So, I didn't see what the Evening Sun carried and never see the Sunday. If you have copies, I'd like to read and file them for archival purposes.

Thentwo days that begin with blood tests take me past a 7-11 that handles the Sun.

I'll not see the UPI story because the local papers get AP only the the WxPost is not likely to use it.

No reporter phoned me.

A word of caution again, as a more experienced small publisher to another: the books you wholesale are subject to return. Be prepared to have to repay what may have been paid (most of the publishers gypped me) and to store and resell those returns. How I wish I had more of Whitewash (I)! Be prepared to file damage claims against trucking companies, too, for they are rough and dishonest.

The Only Baker and Taylor office that ever gives us trouble is in New Jersey and they have for more than 20 years.

Unless they've made real changes, watch the Connecticut office of Waldenbooks. Among other things, they still owe us for 50 of the first edition of Whitewash.

I've seen The City Paper only when I was at Hopkins and never saw it locally.

Have you sought out a lecture bureau yet?

Have you looked ahead to when you'll not be printing more editions?

There will likely be a much smaller residual sale and when you have time for thought you might want to plan on handling it while you are occupied more with toher matters.

Wxciting, ins't it?

Best to you all,

Harold

Sept 11/1987
Baltimore

Dear Harold -

I very much appreciated your kind letter waiting for me here when I drove in from my youth -

UPI interviewed me today from home - The guy who ran ~~the~~ a story on our press conf. last Sept. I told him to call you & gave him your number.

The SUN had me in for 2-3 more hours this AM, and took a lot of photos. They will run that story in the EVENING SUN around Sept 27th. The UPI story will run Sept 24, I think.

I had a busy day. I sold 2000 soft track books to Dalton, which means we'll be out of debt (I think). They will buy them from Baker Taylor, who has already bought 2500 (1000 soft) with 1200 library orders already locked up. I printed 10,000 in the 2nd edition, 150 1/2 are gone.

B & V tried to rip us off for 140 \$/ks, but UPS had the receipts. This time, they are sending their truck to the printer to get the \$s.

I was interviewed for one hour today by a crazy (but smart) fellow named Jack Cole in West Palm Beach. I thrashed him for 2 or 3 times. He tried to ridicule my Secret Government idea & polled his listeners who voted 79% for the idea that we're ruled by a secret gov.

I moved to car load of books yesterday, and Robert moved one. The same tomorrow. I hope to go to the beach over the weekend and forget about all of it.

I'm going to N.C. next week where my mother has arranged a major media event for me.

I took ads in a radio broadcast mag for R.G. and we for Oct 15 & Nov 1st

The 2nd edition is nice - typos fixed (2 new ones!) A page of new text, 2 corrections by Cong. Conroy, coated covers, & work on ten captions or so. The book looks like New York and Walden has been moving them.

I get too exhausted, and stress really damages me, but I get the feeling we are beating this case at last. It took ten long years to get the SUN to face up to it, but they did, you have to stay at it.

Did you see my Op Ed page piece in the EVENING SUN last month? It went on the L.A. Times wire last week. I had to struggle E.L.A. for 3 wks over it. 1st they rejected it, but then the SUN retransmitted it, and I "reasoned" with them, citing the Red Lion case guaranteeing access to the market place of ideas (what a laugh). Somehow they got the idea I was going to sue them. Imagine that!

I made Baltimore's Best (conspirator, theorist) in the City Paper today, Progress, etc.

In fact I've been winning every fight since December, when (ostensibly) everything went smoothly for months when I didn't have a dime and did this whole thing on credit. I raised \$40,000 or so. Imagine that!

Groden is shaping up and learning to account. Now, I'm sure the sky will fall in on me and I'll be crucified (or prosecuted) for what I wrote.

By God, though, they've got a run for their money from me.

Best Wishes & God Bless, Harry