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PH, HR, LS,

In today's mail, from each of you, postmarked, resp. 9/2, 9/26 and 9/2, obviously tampered with mail. PH's was torn opened and the flap tacked in. HR's was with part of flap missing, JL's was fairly obviously re-glued. Last week, from my "publisher", one that had simply had the flap pulled open and not even reglued (that one I took to postmaster with request for investigation, as I will do with these).

What appears to be different is callousness,, openness, for the fact is not new, there being countless cases from the past. Whether or not it means naything new I'll not taketime to ponder. It doesn't ~~mean~~ mean that much to me. However, I would request that ofr a short period at least you seal each flap with magic tape, which does not tear readily, my sole purpose being that the possibility of accidental tearing be reduced to the minimum. Intrusion cannot be addressed. Nor will this reduce my use of the mails or my expressions. I encourage you to take the same attitude. Do not be intimidated.

Understand also that it is no trick to remove magic tape and that it is no prevention of intrusion. It is merely for this limited purpose, to eliminate the possibility of accident to the degree possible, and it is betterfor this than Scotch tape.

On the subjects enclosed in these letters, I will respond as I can. I have merely skimmed them. I am anxious to complete a few suggested changes in the new last part of PM, which 'il has begin to retype, then will attack the cutting of the first part, which will have to be extensive and which I may find it difficult to go over a second time (if any have such suggestions and haven't provided them), then ditto with what was originally called III, where more than naything else I suppose it will be the high level of passion that will require calming. Aside from other complications in our luves, the time in which 'il can retype and read for accuracy and then index the new work is severely limited, so please understand the limitation that imposes on priorities here.

Strange coincidence: while I was writing this my wife had a personal phone call from her (ill) sister which was abruptly cut off and replaced with a busy signal. The operator did not come back on the line after repeated flashing.

I do think the content of PM III moves us into a different situation, if not era, which HR alone of you can judge. And I think that the potential has to be known, there may be some significance to this rather new and open impropriety. It has a parallel in the detective business, known as "rough shadowing", in which the person shadowed is intended to know it is happening, the showers' hope being the effect will be intimidation.

The new intro for all three parts is completed. It is (HR) what I had written for the new third before there was this slim possibility of private printing, to which I added about 3,000+ words at the front end.

Best, HW