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Dear Mark,

Herewith my 2/8 letter to Oliver Stone.

You asked how many time I wrote him, I said three or four. It is four. Also enclosed is a copy of the fourth. It refers to the third. The second was when ^{his} Outlook article appeared in the Wx Post, in June.

Coauthor of the script, Sklar, teaches journalism I think at Columbia in New York and was the person handling Garrison's book, perhaps as editor.

The Latin maxim, which I did not learn in Latin class but did in the military police in world war II, if you do not know, means a stiff prick has no conscience.

If you have not seen it, I've received the LATimes 10/10/91 story reporting the 12/20 release. They expect to have about 800 copies by then. The concluding graf reads:


"One goal will be to have at least one print by Dec. 13, which is the cut-off date for several film critics' groups to vote on their choice for best films of the year, often a barometer for Oscar nominations."

David J. Fox wrote the story. I heard some time ago that Stone hoped for another Oscar but now do not recall my source.

Larry Howard phoned me night before last, asking to buy a copy of the script. Later I wondered why he waited so long and then I wondered whether there could have been another purpose. In any event, I told him if I let him have a copy I'd not charge him but that, having been threatened by Stone's lawyers I would not even let him see it.

During this conversation Howard told me that he had paid Harris to do that book.

Best wishes,


Harold Wdisberg