

Dear Jamie,

2/10/97

Aside from the monster on which you are working there are about eight completed manuscripts of book length that have been retyped or are being now. More or less with some. There is at least one book length ms. not retyped. This is to help explain why I can't distinguish as often as I do not. This and age and what goes with that. One of those messed up locally was taken over by a fine young woman who I'd helped with an honors paper. She has time after her work and I'm confident will straighten that mess out. Another was to have been returned in the hands of a lawyer this morning and I've not heard from him.

My asking whether you have a disk of all of Inside is to know whether you can make corrections on other than you have just sent me, the earlier parts.

I do read all that is retyped not only for typos to which we can all be prone but for what is more important, my mistakes ~~sixty~~ eight as plain mistakes or coming from the rush with which I work now.

I presume that the disk Dennis sent me is complete. I therefore assume that if you do not have one I'll have to get this duplicated here. And that from time to time has introduced new problems. However, if you do not have the whole thing I'd best see if I can arrange for that. Please tell me, if I am to get a duplicate made for you, if you want it converted from what Dennis used or it he and you use the same program or computer, whatever it is that decides.

The other side of this is from a very large ms on Norman Mailer's disgraceful and mistitled Oswald's Tale. That is what should have been here by now. I'm uneasy about the silence. And it was disagreeable to have to get a lawyer. Who will, of course, be paid, an added cost.

I am saying nothing about these other works because I now cannot take the controversy on which I once thrived and because it is not good for the high blood pressure I ~~do~~ developed. Also, I do not want to waste any of the time that remains to ~~me~~ me that way.

I'm inclined to believe that the Max Holland book was not published. I've not heard of it and I fear that the Mailer disaster chilled the entire Random House book-publishing empire. When you ^{are} finished with the Holland stuff will you please run off an extra copy that I can give to a local history prof ~~we~~ who is interested? Thanks. *Holland only.*

If I did not tell, you, I've gone over all that was returned by Dennis and indicated corrections to be made at some point in the future. Thanks and best,

Harold W. Wessley

JamieCyn Smith - Brian Peracchi
11 Gulf Road, #5B
Henniker, NH 03242
603-428-3803

January 31, 1997

Mr. Harold Wetsberg
7627 Old Receiver Road
Frederick, MD 21702

Dear Mr. Wetsberg,

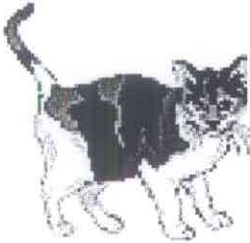
It was wonderful to receive your letter along with the check (thank you), but you had some questions that you seemed anxious for answers, so I wanted to get this note off to you ASAP.

I was not sure what you meant when you asked if I had a complete disk of "Inside". Please let me know so I can help you out. Just give me a call if you need to, or drop a note. Also, I corrected Bellini to Belin on the appropriate chapter.

Please don't worry about needing to take your time getting to proofreading my typing. I understand that you have other priorities and whenever you can get to it is fine. I was thrilled to learn in your previous letter that you are working on yet another book, so it's no wonder your time is stretched thin. I will be sure to keep my eye out for letterhead boxes: sometimes we get them at work, and if we do I will grab one. I can empathize with your typewriter woes. My mother relied for years on her trusty Smith Corona and after a number of frustrating purchases with electric typewriters and word processors has now gone back to using her tried and true manual.

I'm sorry to hear of your legal troubles. You strike me as someone who never shies away from confrontation, but I don't envy you the headache! Good luck in this regard.

Well, I am still working on the Max Holland chapter, and hope to finish it this weekend. During the week there just really aren't enough hours in the day; plus, we had a bit of computer trouble for about a week. Everything's back up and running now, though. I should be submitting more hours shortly.



Please let me know what else I can do.

Take care - Jamie