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Distant as I am from such matters it was not possible not to be aware of your great success with the reissues of Star Wars. Sorry it is a one-at-a-time production company.

Getting a house was a great idea. Aside from the many other benefits they are the best investments if kept up. Hope your yard is fenced so your laborador can run and get exercise, be free. More or less. They are a fine breed. And handsome.

I heard that Lane and Oliver Stone have been in contact for ~~the~~ King movie. Lane is a subject-matter ignoramus and if Stone looks at the telecasts he'll see a real disaster. Which is what Lane was to Ray Stone would not talk to me and I think I'd be uneasy with the libetties he takes with fact but I do have what I think could make his kind of movie.

I lack confidence in what Ray's present (and able and successful) lawyer is up to. The King family has taken to him, probably over his civil-rights record. They all seem to get the Perry Mason bug.

When you refer to your second book I presume you mean of recent years. Glad they are doing so well.

The congestive heart and renal failures enfeebled me but I'm still working. Not nearly the hours of the past. I've getting much on paper. Dave, Jerry and others you do not know are high on it. I've even addressed motive, means and opportunity for the first time. But most is a critical look at what has been done, in the form of book manuscripts.

I've heard that Tink Thompson is investigator for the accused Oklahoma City bomber. What a case can be made against the FBI lab!!! If Tink knows.

Carroll & Graf/ Richard Gallen published my Case Open and NEVER AGAIN! and did nothing to sell them. Even did not respond to orders. I wrote six times trying to buy copies of NEVER AGAIN! without a single response. So I've had none. But the mail from them has been the best. Still no complaint from any of whom I was critical and Posner has been publicly silent over the exposure of him in Case Open, which is not much more than 20% of what I did.

I've a long ms. on Mailer who, I think, is burned out. Terrible, terribly stupid book.

Best to you both,

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Dear Harold,

I just got your letter of 2/16. It was forwarded, as Duane and I moved some months ago to the new address above (and a new phone number, 415-255-7480).

Things have been good with us, though exceptionally hectic. The move was a good thing, a very big change in our lives after so many years in a high-rise apartment building. We bought a grand old Edwardian house (90 years old, give or take a few years), 3 stories with a big yard and a carriage house. We are having a wonderful time filling it. We also just got a dog, our first. He is Maxwell, a yellow labordore retriever, and quite a beauty. Our two cats are having a time adjusting to him, and we are having a time learning how to raise a dog. It will all work out, I'm sure. Around the time we moved, we lost our 21 year old cat Olive. It was clearly her time and she lived a great life, but it was very hard. She was like my best friend.

Jobs have been demanding. Around the time we moved, Duane got a great new job with Pacific Bell, for whom he had worked years ago. My work has gotten very intense because we have just rereleased the original Star Wars films. It was an unprecedented move, and highly risky, but it has turned out to be a phenomenal success here and around the world. We are also starting the next cycle of Star Wars films, so it is a good time for me. Business could hardly be more successful.

My photography has also taken off. Last fall my second book was published and has gone on to become the most successful ever for my publisher, so I am now working on a third. My first solo gallery show will open in New York in May. This has been particularly gratifying for me.

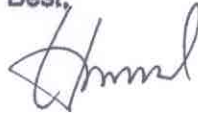
I was concerned to hear about your health. I hope that the heart and renal conditions for which you were hospitalized have stabilized, and I also hope that you and Lil both are getting good medical care and have people nearby who can help look after you. I am glad to hear that you are both getting around, albeit with canes. I hope that Duane and I can be as vital and independent as you and Lil for as long as you have been!

I've followed some of the Ray developments in the press. At this point, because of our company's almost singular focus on Star Wars, I don't think there would be any

interest on Lucas' part in the King case. I have heard about a film project that involves Mark Lane, and I can only imagine what a travesty that will be. Unfortunately, as the media has grown more and more sordid, the commercial opportunities tend to be very exploitative and not in furtherance of the truth. And speaking of media exploitation, I noted with some glee that the photo "expert" for O.J. Simpson in his civil trial was none other than Robert Groden, looking about as foolish as he deserved.

Duane and I send our best to you and Lil. We think of you both often, though you know by now that we are lousy about staying in touch. It was good to hear from you.

Best,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Linn".