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I did write you, got no response or, as I say above, the return of that letter, I have not changed our agreement and as you know, you did not perform on it, and when I wrote you I told you so. I gave it some thought and decided that there were a few areas in which I would relieve you of your obligation to make no use at all of any of what I told you unless you got me a book deal and an assistant who could make my work possible and I specified them.

As I think I told you. I never heard from Sterling Lord. I did get a phone call from a man who said he worked for Lord, ^{Harold} and that when Lord returned ⁱⁿ about a week I'd hear from him. I didn't. and haven't. So, all that remains of our agreement is your obligation to preserve the confidentiality of what I told you.

We did not agree after Lord's disinterest for you to use this material. Your words are "as we originally planned." You did not even discuss this with me. Instead you wrote me that it was your intention and the letter you say you did not get is specific in telling you I did not (and do not) agree to your using this material.

Given the history I now do not want you to use those things I said in the letter you say you did not get you might use.

^{and} I don't want any of it used. That was and is our agreement, the only agreement ~~and~~ I expect you to abide by it. We both have tape recordings of it and if my recollection is accurate, this is at the beginning.

Sincerely,



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Dear Harold,

I have just received your letter of April 2. I am appalled and very surprised to discover that your machine has still not been returned. During all of last year Kathy and I had a secretary who at the time showed herself to be one of the most able and conscientious colleagues I have had the pleasure of working with. When I left for Ireland on 22 December, she had taken on the responsibility of doing a number of "clearing-up" tasks. These included major responsibilities like paying outstanding bills, settling up with the landlord and selling my car. The first job to be done was the return of your machine, which I had insisted should be brought back to you by hand rather than risking damage in the mail.

To the consternation of Kathy and myself, we have heard nothing at all from the secretary since Christmas. I therefore have a major problem over materials un-received, and money - at best - unaccounted for. During this problem though, I felt sure that your machine had been returned. It was the only thing on which I had had any news since Jim had passed on a message about it to the secretary early in the year, and her response was that the matter was in hand. I therefore felt sure that the package had been returned to you. The secretary had been made very much aware that it was her first priority. I have only this week understood fully that the secretary has done none of the jobs she was paid to do. I have, however, established today that the machine is safe and sound, and still at her house. I shall be in the U.S. for a very few days during week beginning April 24, and will that week have the machine picked up and either drive it to you myself, or send someone with it.

Once again, I am extremely sorry, but hope you see that events - quite apart from your machine - went out of Kathy's or my control. We both very much value your help and friendship, and I hope my explanation will restore your faith in our integrity. I have not received a letter from you changing our agreement about the King material, and hope you will permit me to continue working with it. Unless I hear from you, I will - as we originally planned - let you see the relevant paragraphs as soon as they are written.

Meanwhile, the work is proving so monstrous that I am still only just about to wrap up research and start to write the first chapter!

Very best to you both,

T.A.