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Dear Sammie,

Jim gave me your message last night. Thanks. Can't be too soon because interest is increasing fast and was higher.

While it is less than 100% certain, I'm pretty sure the book will run 660 pages. It could easily run 672 because of the fantastic material I have that is not yet included but could be added to the appendix.

If the differences are significant for you let me know and I'll be more precise. I'm not sure on the paper or the trim size. I think it is possible that with this new process the trim may be a small fraction of an inch over 6x9 but I don't suppose that makes any difference to you because it means only a ~~small~~^{little} amount of added border which would just be paper and ink.

In dealing with the printer's rep we spoke of two sizes, 660 and 672 pages and the need to keep under 2lbs for the finished job with envelope and insertions. One Whitman sample he gave me specifies 580 pages per inch. I think this was for 50# and later he said 45#.

Please think about the subtitle and let me know if you have any preference or any other suggestion. You have always been very good on this kind of thing.

The amount of work I have to do I can clean up in a day or so. I need a new ribbon for a few more cross references to go at the bottoms of pages. The remaining controlling fact is the index. Lil is working on that but she also has work to do on orders and some tax jobs. Once she has completed the index and I know the exact number of pages it will not take long to use the available space for other documents in the appendix. I have them waiting.

Let me know when you expect to have the basic design worked out and I'll come in.

Once this book is out of the way I'll be returning to others I've already researched. We will have to get another typewriter for Lil when we can afford it. If a deal I'm working on for the subsidiary rights to this book goes through, it may give us enough to pay the printer, which will mean that with what we've put aside for reprinting the old books we can swing one. Jim has an IBM that is very clear in the imprint it makes. One with the interchangeable balls of type. If you have had any experience along this line, I'd like to know what you might recommend. Royal has a similar machine but I know nobody who has had any experience with it.

I'm also going to have to change the reduction. We planned on a 7x10 page but then could not afford it. If you have any formula by which I can figure out what will give us an equivalent of a large type face I can spend the time looking at TV news ruling new lines on the many sheets of ruled paper we still have.

Thanks and hope to see you soon.

Best,