

Dear Dave.,

7/9/93

It is literally true, as I tell Carroll in the enclosed letter, that I did have that stupidity of his quoted in PW in mind when I awoke at 12:51 a.m., close to my usual time. But I felt that, although wide awake, I might sleep a bit more. Made two more hours and it tired me much too much. Between that tiredness and the heat and humidity I decided not to walk at Carmack's as I do mornings. Home, I'll remain in the house the rest of the day, the heat and humidity are that high.

I did have a purpose in writing Carroll: to make him witting, so he cannot later say that he had no idea what Harry was doing in what he published.

I do not expect any answer.

And I do think I did not push the ~~needle~~ needle at all hard.

If he does by any chance respond, I think I'll give him proof positive that Harry, the master, is as usual right, "knows what he is talking about."

It came to mind after I wrote him.

In a letter I got yesterday, Gerry said he was not sure that Dennis<sup>is</sup> coming.

I hope Gerry does not push him. It is no big deal to me and it is not unlikely that Dennis can put that time and money to use on what means something to him.

I'm well into Chapter 13 of the new book. Much too much!

Best,