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Dear Bill,

Your news did shock, but the explanation makes it sensible and civilized. If it had to happen, the sooner the better for both of you.

Glad to get the story, unedited. AP will never mention me and never has, except in a blatant, dishonest attempt to clobber. However, when a book is sufficiently wrong and of open commercial and dishonest intent, such as the one in the story, it achieves acceptability. I expect to see the most glowing reviews.

What a commentary on our society!

The animals are almost all gone. Six of the geese remain, to go to the Baltimore Children's Zoo, as soon as arrangements are completed. We are down to a single cat. The dog got run over and died.

We have moved to near Frederick, right outside the village of Shockstown (right!), on Old Receiver Road (right). First time I saw the sign, I misread it: Old Deceiver, which would be even more picturesque. It is only 20 minutes longer from Washington, about an hour from WTOP. On the same road, 703, stay until exit 7 in Frederick. Go off and under 703 (also known as US 15 North there) to the first road on the left, Shockstown Rd. As you begin to go uphill in Shockstown (which is entirely unmarked but also is the only village), Old Receiver Road goes to the left. We are about .3 of a mile down it, on the right, in a grove of trees. Big mailbox.

I'm sorry we didn't get together when I was in NY, for I had a major story that no one took the time to hear. Having heard it, I have no assurance it would have been used, but without hearing?

UPI asked me to do a piece commemorating the anniversary. It was on the wire. If a single paper used it, I haven't heard of it. This is called the free press. Isn't it wonderful that all those who died for it did not die in vain? This also, as I understand it, is what distinguishes the "free" press from that which is government controlled. Good thing I was told; wouldn't know otherwise.

I understand a fellow named Lowe has a show he'd like me to do. I'll phone him when I know I'll be in NYC again. But if you know him and speak to him, I do these all the time by phone (One to Wichita this coming Monday, one the next week to Dallas) and think they sometimes are more exciting that way.

Fifth book is done. Post Mortem. Probably subtitle: Suppressed Kennedy Autopsy. Still plan for seven, but may not be able to afford it. Have to get to some writing we can live off of soon.

Best regards. Hope we do see you soon.

Sincerely,

Harold Weisberg

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Dear Harold,

I'm sorry I missed seeing you but when you were in town I was working the all-night shift, 10 PM to 6 AM and I was just too tired to get back to Manhattan to say hi. I trust (hope) your news gathering went well.

This stuff is for Friday advance and you'll probably read it in the Post anyway but I'm sending it to you for what it's worth.

Dianne and I are now divorced. That may shock you but please don't be. It was something coming for a long time, throughout our four years of marriage to be exact. The chemistry just never worked right and so we felt it best to go our separate ways...although we still talk to each other etc. It wasn't a bitter split with animosity. Very friendly and all that.

Hope all is well with you and Lil and the animals. I do hope to see you both again. I'm hoping to get down to Wash. before the year is out and will definitely get out to see you both.

Take care and don't work too hard. I know you won't heed that philosophy but I say it anyway because it makes me feel better.

Bill