

cc will file

4/21/69

Dear John,

Thanks for your letter of 4/19, with the enclosures of a check and the Dell "accounting". You do not report giving Pavner a copy, so I have made one and will give it to him with the rest of the file that I have copied.

These are really crooked people, John. If they can they even hold money up for short periods of time to get the free use of it. They have systematized dishonesty.

I have had little time for anything. I have read the original contract. I find no provision for their taking a cent out for legal costs unless I did commit libel. The legal fact is that I did not. Fair personally told me and found my treatment of Bringuier "exemplary". I shall be writing him about this soon. He has been silent since I spoke to him, save for paying me for a total of 615 copies of my printing of WWI. Just got that.

Some of the letters you itemize having given Pavner (many thanks for both) seem new to me. I'll have to go over all of that as soon as I am in NYC again.

Those things you refer to as needed by Pavner he has. Dick had them. When you are again in touch with him, please tell him I'll be sending him both Meredith books. I hadn't because I wanted to annotate, but perhaps it is better that he be able to read them. I think the letters he has may be enough commentary. I have, of course, heard nothing from Meredith or Flemmonde. (Isn't it strange Epstein in his corrupt piece in yesterday's Times made no reference to the Flemmonde book, which is terribly servile?)

I have written the Times a long letter about the libel in Epstein's writing and the straightforward factual error.

I have to write P about Lane, too. Just no time yet. That is not uncomplicated, for he, lucky man, knows nothing about the writing in this field.

Today I got the Dell April 1, 1969 statement on WWI from John. I do not think he'll be touchy if you wait a day or two and call to see if he got it. The reason: the handwritten return address is not the same as his regular one of the special one he gave me a month ago. It also is unclear. He told me 52. This says 57. I told him this is the first statement I have seen on the second book, that I'd also like the others. I asked him to let me know if the Times sent him COUP. He has a phobia about letters, so I never know anything.

Gotta go get Lil. Hope to see you (both) soon.

Sincerely,