

Dear Dave,

12/29/93

Raphaella Seroy, who is retyping Case Opened on a computer, phoned me yesterday with a response from Gallen to ~~my~~ asking for an OK to write those who provided the dust-jacket puffery for Posner's book, an OK.

I asked her about the delay in sending me any more of the retyped draft to read. There was a poor connection and I did not understand fully some of what she said she has done or is close to doing. But what was clear is that she has access to the computer for two days a week only, Tuesdays and Wednesdays.

And yet in the agreement between Gallen, Herman Graf and me on a conference call, Graf, who is the co-publisher of the firm that will co-publish, set the agreed-to publication date of March, with copies to be available in February. With the retyping limited to day days a week it appears that from the outset this was not intended.

Whether or not any other computer was available or could be, there remains the typewriter and with that used instead I could have returned the read and ~~xxx~~ corrected retyped draft long before now along with the conclusions I've been delaying until I have my recollection refreshed about the text.

February for proofs may not yet be impossible, depending on the effort made. But it does not seem probable with the book yet to be edited by Gallen.

My writing of Whitewash took a month. When it was, after delay printed, it was printed over a weekend. Photographic Whitewash was exactly 28 days from the time I

began to write it until I had the first 100 copies delivered, and that with the time-consuming but most durable sewed binding. (My copy of the Warren Report broke in half some time ago and the cover in Posner's book started coming off weeks ago, but that has not happened to any of my books of which I know. That is why I went to the extra cost of sewed bindings.)

I asked Raphaella to send me what she has in the ^{om}computer so I can read and correct it and she said she would. I tried to explain the need for haste to her.

I have addresses for Wicker and Ambrose. If you can without trouble get from your school computer the addresses of Wise, Styron and Frederic Dannen (Hit Men) I'll appreciate it also if you can learn whether they are published by Random House.

Best,

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