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Dear Gerry,

I hope others find it possible to use that Gates oped piece. I hope you got a good reaction to it. Especially that blacks gave it some thought.

Glad you are nearing the end of your work on the Specter piece. Suggest if you have no agent you can use first submission to Phila Enquirer, most effective paper in state. It has a good record in investigative reporting, too. I meant influential.

I have more than a ~~mini~~ little of Specter in the books I'm rushing to get drafted, on JAMA.

You flatter the man when you say Bush has little integrity. He has none at all.

We did miss than Ivins column and it is a fine one. I'll be sending copies of it to others.

The Wash Post uses her just once a week most weeks.

I don't know how he gets the time but Dave is retyping chapters as I send them to him on his computer. What a wonderful favor that is!!!

Haven't seen much of Jerry lately. He did say that you spoke recently. If he did not tell you he has completed his book on the Poor Peoples Campaign. What I read is fine.

The Wood library dedication a week ago went very well. When you are here again I hope you can find the time for a quick tour. It is beautiful and state-of-the art, too, in modern gadgetry, with more planned.

Our best to you all,

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Dear Harold,

15 Sept. 1992

I just thought I would drop you a note to let you know that I am nearing completion of my article on Specter. Rather than the two articles I had originally planned to write, I have decided to combine the two themes into one: analyzing examples of what Specter neglected to do and what he did do which was deceitful. I have selected a few of the more obvious and significant examples of each. I believe you are right that it would take at least a book, and a rather long one at that, to do justice to Mr. Specter's record. This little project gave me an even greater appreciation for the work you did originally. In a sense, all I am doing is just duplicating a portion of your analysis. My hope is that I can do so accurately, clearly, and interestingly enough to get it published and thereby more widely disseminated.

In addition to my usual classes I will be leading discussions on race relations once a month in both black and white churches in Spartanburg. My colleague who helps me teach the race and ethnic relations course on campus, a black woman who is director of community relations for the city, got me involved in this community project. Among the materials I already handed out was that Henry Louis Gates piece you sent me a couple of weeks back. What we emphasized in our first meeting is that we want people to speak frankly and honestly.

Among other things, I also enjoyed the commentary by Michael Kinsley "128 Skidoo". One would hope that people would catch on that Bush not only has no plan for the economy but he has little integrity.

I will be sending you a copy of my article within about a week or two. Also, I am enclosing a Molly Ivins' column you may have missed on the Republican convention. Take care and of course my regards to Lillian.

Best,  
*Gerry*