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Dear Gerry,

Hasty thanks for your 10/5 with Wecht letter.

Don't know if Cyril can help you now.

If you can't place it you might want to consider sending it to Jack McKinney- a sports writer at the Phila. Daily News, a tabloid when I last heard of him.

He years ago had an excellent talk show on the largest radio station in Phila, WCAU WCAU and is a really fine and principled guy. Good, warm Irish Irishman.

After the election you might want to try Philadelphia Magazine.

Or if you have a news outlet on your local NPR station, you might want to talk to them to see if they'd want to offer NPR a feed if NPR would accept it.

My own work is going as rapidly as I'd hoped but continues to expand as I think more of the historical record than producing a commercial book. This means it has grown more than I'd expected or planned. I imagine already about 150,000 words and I'm not finished but closer to it, fairly close now.

Dave has been simply wonderful on this, a great labor for him, too.

But for all he's done he has retyped only about half of it.

I'll be interested in Cyril's reaction and any effort he might make.

Although there is less time, remember that Altoona paper whose name I can't remember.

Best to all,

Dear Harold,

Oct. 5, 1992

Thanks for your words of encouragement on my article and suggestions for revising it. As you will read in my letter to Cyril Wecht, the Inquirer rejected it. Fortunately, they sent it back quickly with a short note. As your comments correctly indicated, the article was not written in appropriate newspaper style. In fact, most of the writing I have done in recent years has been speeches. Also, when I did write for a school paper years ago I generally did book reviews.

In any case, I hope Dr. Wecht will give me some help. I heard this morning on National Public Radio that Specter is ahead by over 10 pts.

Take care,

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Dear Dr. Wecht,

Enclosed you will find a copy of an article on Arlen Specter which I recently submitted to the Philadelphia Inquirer. Also enclosed are my cover letters to both the Inquirer and Ms. Lynn Yeakel to whom I also sent a copy of the article. Unfortunately, I learned this past Friday, October 2nd, that it was rejected by the Inquirer. The feature editor, Mr. Ron Patel, stated in a brief note to me: "As a policy, the Inquirer avoids first-person stories, especially lengthy pieces. This is also similar in topic to a piece we ran just after the release of the movie, JFK." I realize the article is fairly long and not written in proper newspaper style. Harold Weisberg pointed this out to me. Mr. Weisberg suggested that I send it to you to see if you might have any suggestions as to what Pennsylvania publication might accept it. I realize it will need some editing. But I believe it is important to get out soon because it may have some bearing on the senatorial race there. Indeed, this is why I also sent a copy to Ms. Yeakel.

Any help you may give me in this regard would be greatly appreciated. I trust you share my disgust with Mr. Specter and my hope that his political career will not continue to flourish in spite of the truly awful things he did as an assistant counsel to the Warren Commission.

Please feel free to pass the article along to any publication you feel would give it a fair reading.

Sincerely,

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