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Dear Mr. Hattery,

Thanks for your letter of the 12th. It got here only ~~Friday~~ because it did not get postmarked until yesterday.

It would be good if we could talk some time but I keep convoluted hours for medical reasons. I can't help being wide awake very early in the morning from sleep apnea. The simple surgery and the medications are both prohibited for me. In learning

how to cope with that I've found that going to bed earlier lets me get more sleep because I wake up the same time, not earlier. So I'm not aiming for bed at 6 p.m.!

However, at 80 and with many illnesses I'm lucky to survive, it permits me to be productive because those early hours are never interrupted. I have two more books coming out next year. The ~~shorter~~ shorter one is more than 200,000 words.

I am not familiar with Meachum's other columns. Years ago I read one of two and found them worthless or worse. Those I read I'm attracted to by their headings. It has almost always been about Israel. He is not much, save in his own mind and, I'm told, George Delaplaine's. Even his wife could not get him to fire Meachum. But I had an early accomplishment: they cut his columns in half, the number of them weekly. And that I think qualifies as a public service! And as you noted, he is careless even then and reveals what he really is, unthinking and believing himself omniscient. *And us hicks.*

While I've not paid much attention to him, before he came here he did drama for a DC TV station. When I could not avoid it, waiting for news, I formed a low opinion of him and the belief he had a high one of himself then that was not justified.

As you may have noticed, he is Not man enough and not professional enough to have ever responded.

We both were once asked to appear before a peace group that holds to his views about Israel. He declined to face me but offered to appear alone, uncontested. Heroic!

If you are ever near here during my hours and would like to stop off, please call me. 473-8186. Perhaps you might like to see the archive that ~~the~~ will get when I am no longer able to help others with it. ^{an} ~~an~~ ^{ashville} ~~ashville~~ ^{Tennessean} reporter was here using those on King Saturday and Sunday for a Sunday article this week. We are almost never away. It has not been safe for me to drive out of Frederick since 1977 and I do not, have not.

Best wishes, have a good holiday and a good year, Harold Weisberg

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