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Dear Penn,

You should have heard from Marty Singer, editor of SAGA, by now. In speaking to him yesterday I told him your new book is due any day and you could update the story of the mysterious deaths. Larry Schmidt's back-knife particularly whetter his appetite, as did Harold Russell and the Okla. newsman.

His magazine brought me some interesting responses, from the military and housewives, more than the husbands to whom it is addressed.

He will include a box with the story telling people how to get your books. In case he forgets to offer and he is a very nice guy and will offer if it does not slip his mind - ask him for a notice on how to get the books.

He did not include the price with us. In answer to military mail, we always sent the books, said what the regular price is, and said also that if they could not afford that price, whatever they could would be fine, including nothing if it was a hardship to pay.

I write in haste to tell you these things so you can take advantage and to encourage you to do a story for Marty. I like him very much. Usually try and have a drink with him when I'm in New York.

Parallax now says they may have the first copies of the book in a week, but I've heard this before.

Al Chapman, to whom I had written, phoned yesterday before I got back from Philadelphia (where I publicly called Specter a repetitive liar). He said he'd phone again last night but didn't.

What do you not answer my questions about him?

Sincerely,

Harold Weisberg