

Dear Jim,

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Between the Eban and McKinley visits, which took up most of a week, keeping up with the individual orders for books and doing what I can to clean up after the severe windstorm I'm tired and have gotten nothing else done. In addition to these and the expectable problems there have been more of the kinds about which Gary once spoke to you. Or, a pretty wearing series of days. I'm going to have to do more cleaning up outside or grass, of which we have too little, will be killed. This explains why I have not commented on the Archives letters, have not written a response to the enclosed evasion from the Air Force and have not yet had a chance to look at the large fourth class mailing of the 9th, which came yesterday.

At the rate the older books are and have been selling I'll have a problem fairly soon. Lil did nothing about setting up an escrow account but I think she will soon. Much as we need that money for the everyday, if we do not put it aside and do without what we'd like it won't be possible to reprint. I have a notion that if I can pay for an appreciable part of his paper and binding costs Manny may trust me for the rest of the cost of a reprint. I also have some damaged books I may have to sell first. But I haven't time to inventory. In fact, I've never had time to clean up and arrange the cellar.

The young man who has made all the arrangements for the speech I'm making at the U of Md. Tuesday seems genuinely interested. I may be able to get him to get a crew together after school and give me some help. He brought a high school senior with him first time he came. (They are all friends of Jerry McKnight's daughters.) She has come back several times to help. Yesterday she refiled all that Ed Kabak borrowed and starting finishing the consolidation of the cards to the indexes. She is a pleasant girl whose father is Prince George's County public defender and seems somewhat interested in the subject. She is taking both parents to my speech. Anyway, if she finishes this project as her Volkswagen van and parents may make possible, we'll have a valuable research project for the future generations of students and it is possible to add to it. I think I'll ask Sylvia for her cards to Accessories' index. I regard it as the one other substantial work. Howard will, I'm sure, supply his when his book is out. We'll then have the beginning of what I'd hoped Bob Smoth's silly project would have been.

I'll be busy away from here Monday until about midday. I'll be leaving for College Park with Jerry after his last class. The kids will bring me back that night. Nothing now scheduled for the next day but the one after that, the 17th, I'll be in DC for a medical appointment that, if Birk does nothing about the eye one will free me about the time you get up.

I've heard nothing more from the New York gang. Policoff has done nothing about arranging a show so I'll probably write the CBS guy after I work enough to get tired and have to take a break today.

With the Gertz material you included only the Foreman letterhead contract. I suspect Foreman typed it. There is a typo a secretary would have caught and it bears neither initials nor place or date of signing.

The kids seem to have arranged for Post and Star coverage of my speech, which is surprising. I'll have occasion for the beginning of the separation of sheeps and goats then whether or not there is coverage. If I get my expenses in advance I will go to New York and will undertake the same despite the weariness. The Gregorians are up to more stupidities and counterproductive acts so I have no real choice.

Amos Publications is microfilming the 26 volumes for libraries, etc. Heard from them because they want to include CDs, etc. I discouraged this.

Best,