

I was a few precious sheets of 3M paper to send you this not to argue without critique of my writing, which is valid, but because this reaction to it is typical. I must have about a thousand letters like this or more than twice that many for total strangers. The odd thing, consistent with this, is that there are not the adverse criticisms one would rightly expect. The only complaints of that nature are because the type size is small. A surprising number, at least several hundred, report rereading many times and seeing more each time. This guy went to much trouble to find me. He checked with a post office and learned that Hyattstown is part of the Clarksburg post office and wrote me, not at Hyattstown but at Clarksburg. They gave it to Lil's mother who forwarded it. They won't forward themselves, but they'll go to all the extra work of an extra delivery, an extra pickup and then a forwarding! Everyman's reaction is not that of the intellectual or the more educated. Perhaps in the roughness there is an emotional appeal. Frankly, I don't know, because I agree with you and others who have said similar things. But there remains this consistent contradiction. There must be some kind of factor I'm not certain I understand because when Dell promised me they'd edit, they didn't change a word. HW 2/24/73