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Dear Jim,

When Gary Rank phoned me about something else yesterday he mentioned that the fantasy of the La Fontaines is to be published soon. I think he said in about two months.

Thinking of that today I wondered if that Washington Post reporter to whom I sent the first sketch you sent me gave it to them and if they would be using it without speaking to you about it. Without your permission.

and use by them would be misuse, which would be worse.

I have had no connection of any kind with them and know nothing about their reported publisher, Pollock.

I tell you this not because I know they have anything like this in mind but so that, if <sup>by</sup> any ~~day~~ chance they do, you can write and prohibit it.

I also heard from Gary as you may know more about ~~them~~ than I that Gary may have had a slight stroke and has refused to go to any doctor about it. We are sorry, of course, about both, the possibility she had one and that she will not get treatment if she did.

My dear friend of my youth had one and with medication he is close to as good as he ever was. And he has a year on me. He is even going abroad to work for a month!

By the way, the 10th of next month is Bill's birthday. Mine is 10 days sooner.

On her birthday we will have accumulated, between us, 165 years.

Which we wish to you too!

Harold