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Dear Gary,

Lately I've been wanting not to take any time away from writing so when I wrote Harry last week and she'd written me that she and Duckman't be able to sue, but you had said you would, as you'd told me earlier, I suggested to her that she suggest to you learning whether Texas had a law as Maryland does, making a felony of charging anyone with an indictable offense. I also raised the question that I face and have decided for myself, whether to wait until the damage is done, when it cannot be undone, to try to do something. As I told you when I did it, I've taken a selection of Livingstone's malice to the states attorneys office here. I was told they'd be in touch when they decide, the decision, as I understood it, involving several consultations. One of them, the mail inspectors, are months and months behind. I've also written Carroll several times, without response and I'll be mailing him another and the last letter I intend mailing him in the morning. I've had several purposes. One is seeing to it that he is witting, that he has something other than Harry's irrationality. The immediate cause of this letter is that his catalogue description of the book includes charging us with fraud. So, in a few days, after Carroll has the letter and has time to respond, I plan going to the states attorney's office again, asking what they will or will not do, and tell them what I have in mind. I do not want to create any unnecessary scandals. And this is what I have in mind:

Writing the mayor, chief of police or both, outlining what Waybright and Livingstone did that is illegal and violates their regulations, explain that this has hurt me and how it can more, ^{only} ask they they do what they failed to do, uphold the law and protect me. Whether I'll write the State AG will depend on what I learn.

If after a reasonable time for response, if I have not, ^{me} I'll see if the Balt. Sun is interested in what the officials have refused to do ^{anything} about, with Harry's letters. The book is scheduled to appear in November. We are ten days from October. While any publicity can help a book, my interest is in defending myself and my reputation.

If you have a lawyer I do hope you'll check with ^{him} and see if Texas had a law like Maryland does. If I had a lawyer I would have dealt with the states attorney through the lawyer and perhaps had other suggestions from him.

But in general I believe that if we just sit back and wait we'll be hurt more. You down there have more than enough in those letters to make it clear, as mine will, that Harry is crazy, wildly irresponsible, and that nonetheless for greed only is being published by a publisher whose interest is in making dirty money by hurting people with false and sensational charges. For profit and without checking or any kind of proof.

If and when I do anything I'll let you know. Best,

Harry