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Dear Gary,

I believe that when we spoke some time ago and you told me ~~of~~ suits being filed against Groden and Viking I told you I have written a study of his two books.

It has taken some time to find someone who could retype it and then for it to be retyped. I was informed yesterday evening that it has been and is to be sent to me. While I do not want to figure in any use that might be made of it with my health and age what they are and my hope to be able to do more work, I am willing for this study to be available to any lawyer representing anyone who has filed any such suit or plans one. As you may remember, despite what I thought of the ~~book~~ book I got Kizzia a copy of the manuscript of NEVER AGAIN! from the ~~delaying~~ publisher and Kizzia wrote after they won to thank me for it and tell me it helped. It certainly would have at trial, if you read the book! Groden has nothing from which there can be any recovery but Viking does and it is past time for those publishers who seek to commercialize and exploit ~~the~~ tragedy to remember that it was once the standard to have peer reviews before accepting manuscripts.

You know what my typing and writing are so you have an idea how difficult this retyping is. Besides which I've rushed all this work and that is conducive to mistakes that may not be perceived. So, when I get the retyped copy I read and correct it and then, before returning it to the one who did the retyping, I make a xerox for reasons that include being able to respond to questions. Once those corrections have been made I have no need for this xerox. I have been sending ~~EM~~ them to a friend in New Zealand who is a historian. Once I've made the correction and they are incorporated I usually send this xerox to him. ~~It~~ It can make a detour to Dallas if there can be use for it there.

After we spoke I spent another month in hospitals but feel now about as I had before that return to loafing and laying around, which except for a minor surgery I most of what I did while they experimented with various medications and could observe their results.

Best,

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