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Dear Ray,

I have just wrapped 14 Bastards to return to you. I am going to insure them for full retail value, in the event they are damaged in shipment, as too often happens with my books. They are wrapped inside the box, so they cannot shift and be hurt that way.

This will have to await my being able to go to the post office with them, for we have only rural service here. Tomorrow is but a half-day there. I'll probably be able to do it Monday.

The bookstores treat your books like they treat mine - I haven't been paid yet. However, as I believe I asked you, if you will please tell me how many you sent me I will send you a check and await payment from them.

Vince was down here for the weekend two weeks ago. He brought Gary Schooner with him. Gary stayed the week, then returned the following week when Hal Verb was here.

Save that Vince is more pessimistic than when last I saw him, they are all well. Gary has apparently recovered well from the severe beating he got. The only permanent effect will be the loss of sight in one eye. Hal should be on his way back about now.

Sincerely,

Harold Weisberg