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Dear Jamie,

I finally finished the book manuscript I was working on and got to read and correct what you sent the 19th. Sorry about the delay. Particularly because I can't keep all these things straight. I have another to read and I put one away without even taking the time to read it!

Between the illnesses and the time in treating them and the volume of all of this I fear I can't keep up with what I should.

However, I did put what you sent earlier in a separate box. Aside from having what I must do first to do and being too tired for it, I won't be getting into that box now. But I intend to soon.

This is to tell you that I have read it, thanks, and to raise one question that may mean little on computers but can be a time problem in xeroxing. This has to do with your putting the end of page numbers, with highlighting, on the retyped copy rather than on the rough draft. It means all that now has to be removed from the retyped copy. Is there any way of computer doing that without my having to make a copy of that page for security and to be able to answer any questions about it?

If so I can skip those pages when I make the copies.

Otherwise it is a big xeroxing job for me, meaning for me and not that much in general, when I've overloaded and so weak.

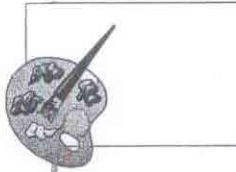
If this does not get to you too late for that, please make an extra copy of the "Honorable Men" chapter because Mr. McNight has a special interest in that. If too late I'll xerox it.

I've heard of computer viruses but am in general ignorant of them. Sorry. I can wait until it is healed or gone!

Many thanks,



Harold Weisberg



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Mr. & Mrs. Harold Weisberg
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Dear Mr. & Mrs. Weisberg

I am attaching the final versions of what I call chapters C and D, and also sending the first draft of chapter E, The Cold War. I am not sending in hours at this point, because there are really just a few accumulated thus far. I know it had been so long since you'd heard from me (I'm sorry, sorry, sorry!) — that I just wanted to get some product out to you.

In addition, you had requested copies on diskette of the chapters. I am not sending that today, but I will send it when I send in hours (hopefully by next weekend, around the 25th of May), along with the chapter I have as yet not completed (but am close to doing), the Honorable Men chapter. I have only five more manuscript pages to type from it, and am sure I will get to it this week. The reason I am unable to send disks is that my computer has a virus. If you've never heard of such a thing, don't laugh — it's true, computers do get them, and sure enough mine has one. They get them from "contaminated" disks — disks that have bad sectors which then are transmitted to the hard drive on the computer — and they result in potentially lots of problems. I made my first mistake when I ignored the need to buy virus-detection software (which will detect and also eliminate a virus), and my second mistake when I turned my computer on with a disk in the disk drive (one easy way to transmit a virus). The other glitch is that viruses can be "spread" from one computer to another via infected disks (thus, if I send you copies on a diskette, whoever loads the disk onto his or her computer could potentially end up with the same problem). Yesterday I bought a virus-detection software package, got home, and held my breath as I tried to install it. However, the factory must have erred in putting the correct number of installation disks in the box, because I'm missing two (**%\$##!!!). To make a long story short, after making long-distance calls to the store of purchase, a "technical support" center, and finally the company itself, I am waiting for the store to send me a fresh box (we live 45 minutes away from them). Thus, the result being that

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by next weekend, I should have my computer cleaned up and will be able to provide you with the disks you need without worrying that they too are contaminated with a virus; and the moral of the story being that I should never put off tomorrow what I can do ...

At any rate, I am so, so, sorry for the delay; you must be very anxious to get this book up and running. You will have most of it by next weekend and certainly the very last chapter by next month. Thanks for your patience and let me know if there is anything else I can do, and certainly if these aforementioned time frames are unacceptable.

Take care —

Jamie :)