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1/25/97

Dear Jamie,

The package you sent on the 11th got here promptly. Sotty, I thought I'd written you. Your undated letter came today. Sorry, I discarded the envelope. You ask about the receipt. Lil will be sending you a Form 1099. It will be there under miscellaneous funds. *to be corrected.*

The name you have in it as David Bellini is Belin. A real stinker, if you know the word, to me a Judenrat.

I assume that when you speak of "documents" reaching me you mean the rough draft of those three chapters. Here in fine shape.

Now I'll try to make comprehensible what may not be. Beginning with the conditions of my present life.

And before I forget, do you have a complete disk of Inside? Dennis sent me two and I've been having disasters happen to the disks here when I make an effort to get them converted or even printed out!

Not having my old and faithful Hermes manual portable is a real problem. It is in the shop again. Millions of words went through it with nothing going wrong and then little things keep going wrong. I was given the rebuilt Olympia. <sup>15</sup>And it is like new but it is trouble for me. The trouble being me! If you know anyone who has a Hermes 3000 in the closet, I'd could be a customer for it!!!!

As I thought I'd written you, I laid the package from you aside, also the box from Dennis, to clean other things up. If Dennis did not tell you, I'm 83, feeble, can't use the stairs to the basement, the one place I have any empty space in any files, and my once photographic memory has become the memory of an old man.

I had another retyped manuscript to go over and I did not want any other writing on my mind then. I laid some writing aside for it and when I can will return to it. I hope! I was to have gotten another completely retyped one a week ago. It had 18 simple corrections. Not a word since then but I did not anticipate that. So, I did nothing with your package other than open it and the same with the box from Dennis. At my usual early beginning hour this morning I went to your envelope and finding only the rough drafts of those chapters in it, it threw me. I finally remembered where I have the file on that book but with the mail to come did not look in it or in the box from Dennis for it. Only any hour from my <sup>un</sup> usually early supper. I'll get on that tomorrow morning. I'll do that by placing what there is from Dennis in the exact order in another box in the event the order has significance.

I take it that the chapters <sup>mentioned</sup> in the letter here today are what you have not sent.

It is ever so much better for me if I have both <sup>retyped and the</sup> the rough draft and at the same time. I cannot go over this work at my desk because I must keep my legs elevated. So I sit with them horizontal and acting as my desk and I have the rough draft on a small table to my left and the retyping on a clipboard on my lap. I then stack what I've gone over in an empty letterhead box on an end table on my right and the rough draft pages on a bar stool on my left!

It helps if the pages of the retyped are indicated on the rough draft. With work in which I have confidence, like yours, I do not compare page by page. I read the retyped and if I <sup>use</sup> have a question consult the draft.

I've also asked everyone to use a highlighted on the draft to call questions to my attention.

With those pages indicated I can move the draft pages faster when I need to to check. I can find the correct pages fast that way.

I refer to letterhead boxes above. If you can get any, I can't even buy them here. I can buy boxes in which to mail them but they are too large.

The ms. is loose in them and they will not fit in the file drawer as in filing. I should perhaps explain that.

Because of my limitations for years I've not use the lowest of the file drawer for filing in my office. There are ~~xxx~~ 14 of them in this small office. Some were used for storage, some were empty, and it suddenly dawned on me that I could store manuscripts and rough drafts in them in boxes that would fit in the file cabinets. I know they come and are available commercially from some <sup>were given me</sup> ~~was~~ given. They fold flat. I can't find any here in town. I do have the boxes in which file folders come but they are too long to fit sideways in the drawers. They do fit the wrong way but that wastes precious space. So if you can find any 8 1/2 x 11 ~~xxx~~ stationery boxes I'll be happy to pay you for them. I also use them for fat correspondence files. I put them in those boxes and the boxes on bookshelves. To <sup>make</sup> ~~make~~ space my wife had a friend take all the books off <sup>hanging</sup> ~~hanging~~ shelves in her office. I will now when I can go over them and save ~~some~~ some, give some away and sell the others.

I have three empty file cabinets in the basement and no access to them. For several years I had several fine hood students who were my legs and did get stuff filed down there. But not for the next two ~~xxx~~ years.

Resumed 1/26. At this point a pleasant interruption but I'd best read correct what I've written to bring it all to mind again.

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At this point a fine young woman I'd helped with an honors paper came. She is looking for extra work. She went from here to the nearby home of Dr. Gerald McKnight to whom I'd given a butchered ms. some of the content of which he wants to use. So, that one is to be completed. It then will require converting one of the disks used to the program of the other one but it will be more legible by far.

I am so short of space in my office I have many stacks. One is atop the file box that holds my work on Inside. I'll have to find space for that now. But I've moved it and looked into it and there is no retyping of these chapters so I presume they are in the box from Dennis. I'll get to that after clearing up the rest of yesterday's mail. I did notice it has an inventory in it.

1/27- I've gone over the book from Dennis. It has rough drafts and retyped chapters. I've separated the letter into chapters, I think missing none but with fingers as unwilling to bend as mine and not infrequently registering complaints! There is an inventory with them. I'll get to reading from the earlier chapters first. This means it will be a little time before I get to those of which you've just sent me the rough drafts. But please keep on with what you have. I hope this will not be long in my getting it all up to date. It is better if I get the rough and the retyped as they were done, this tells me again.

Meanwhile, if I get the 18 simple corrections in the complete ms done locally I'll do that immediately. Today I got a lawyer, having no choice, to try and get what is being withheld for no apparent reason. I paid these students on delivery and on their word, w/o any checking at all, not to indicate any lack of trust. This one is not young -50, Also not honest. She has cheated me but was paid nonetheless. Discouraging.

Please let me know as soon as you get this if you have a disk for it. If not I'll have to get one made for you. I'd asked Dennis for 5 and he sent 2. I guess he was that busy getting ready to go. I use them as copies for deposit elsewhere. I hope also he kept one for himself. If you know, please let me know because if he did not when it is done I'll have to have of for him or for his friend from grad. school days.

Best,

Harold

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\*\*\* THANK YOU \*\*\*

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to: *Harold Weisberg*  
from: *Jamie Lyn Smith*  
date: *January 16, 1997*  
re: *typing hours*

*Dear Mr. & Mrs. Weisberg,*

*Below please find my most recent time sheet submission. It includes the work for the chapters, "Oswald as an Imagined Snitch," and "David Belini's Rosetta Stone," both of which I have completed, and a portion of the work I've done with "Max Holland: Commission Defender and 'Historian'". I am also enclosing the receipt for \$3.00 for sending you chapters 42, 43 and 45. Thanks so much for covering this charge - I appreciate it very much! I am hoping and praying that the documents got to you safely, so please-oh-please let me know if for some reason they did not, as of this note.*

*Take good care, and let me know if I can do anything further for you.*

*Sincerely,*

*Jamie*  
*Jamie*

*P.S. Do I need to  
claim this as  
income on my tax  
return? Thanks -*