

Dear Dennis,

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I was so glad to get your call and the good news of having more help!

But when it came to finding things, although they are all on a ~~low~~ shelf in my office, my legs would not stand ~~th~~/standing on them and I did not find some. This is the manuscript on the La Fontaines. If I have time before the doctor sees me, if he does today, I'll copy the Prouty, which is done, more of ~~less~~, as I've written you. I find the copies of the Brown ms but not the originals so I think maybe I sent that to you. Then I found boxes with adds for Newman and Waketh and I think the Hood students who did nothing had them, of one of them and I sent the other to Bill Mills. The Hoisty is retyped. Maybe Bill will be able to copy the Prouty if I am hospitalized but with the trouble she'd had standing I'm reluctant to ask her. I think maybe she can get a former Hood student for the weekend.

The two disks and the letter I mentioned are also enclosed.

I forgot the Groden is to be done by a niece who has it.

<sup>graduating</sup> The student who'd done so little on the Mailer says that beginning the end of the month she'll be able to do 20 hours a week and she had ~~12~~ 24 chapters done and I've gone over them and corrected them but the corrections have not been made. She had a job and school so she could do little.

With no other new symptoms other than my reduced capability with the physical therapy machines he said to see how I feel in the morning so I've copied the prouty and will wrap the box. The disks are between the two.

When someone is here who can move the boxes on the shelves for me and leave the boxes with manuscripts on the lowest shelf there will be less cause for confusion and when I get the scoop on the additions, which are not that long, I'll know what to do with that or them. I think you and Gerry will be interested in what I added to Newman and Waketh on Cuba. I'll also have to have someone move the boxes I'm working from to get the Inside box on my desk. I think!!

I've been thinking of ways to try to persuade the doctor to arrange for me to be able to work if I'm hospitalized like last time because my handwriting is so awful and my mind works so fast for it to be slowed down that way. I'm sure that will be better for my state of mind and I've figured out a new beginning to Honorable Men. As I wrote Chip Selby earlier today, there is more power in being able to use what was known, published and ignored. Russell's Assistant confirmed some of what I have in the Whitewash Introduction- about those Honorable Men! What I need is someone to do some work in the basement where the consolidated index cards to all my books that I published are. I'd like to include a list of all references to them. To which they were all silent...Thanks VERY MUCH! Best to you both,

Hardy