

Dear Bill,

5/10/96

I've just finished the rough draft of another book-length manuscript, this one about 60,000 words. Thanks for the box that came today with your 5/3. When I make the copy of this ms., which is almost all read and corrected, it will be put in that box. Perfect timing. But I anticipate no other immediate need for one. No, I'll have it. I keep the originals in file folders by chapters and I have one of that kind, large enough for file folders.

I avoid books like Zirbel's. If I were younger perhaps I might read some of them but they know nothing about the fact and they write think pieces without knowing what to think about or on. Prouty's book is like that. Worse than a waste of time.

I used to have an account at the Archives when I was working there. It pays no interest but is a convenience.

I've already referred three people to Ramona Branch based on what you've said about her. They were all that way in 1966 but not for long. The 1992 Act covers them now and it is safe for them to be helpful.

On the weather: we had a forecast for 80s today. At almost 2 p.m. it is 60.

You did sound better. Maybe your allergy season is passing off? Hope so!

I've gotten from one of the Hood students the two chapters of the Mailer book she did beginning at the end of the school year last May! I do not know what the other one has done, if anything. She was to have left it with Dr. McKnight and I've not seen him. They are in finals now. But the one who'd worked on the Mailer book is graduating and thinks she'll have about 20 hours a week beginning in about 2-3 weeks so she may get it done before she gets a job. I've not yet looked at those two chapters because my first priority is getting on paper what I can. What she'd done earlier I'd gone over and have the corrections indicated for the future.

Remember, if Charles wants any books, please let me know.

Thanks and best,

new ribbon!

Harold

5-3-96

3:15pm

DEAR HAROLD

REC YOUR 4-30 TODAY. YES I AM FEELING MUCH BETTER. SLOW GOING. HOPE YOU AND LIL OK. I TALKING WITH ROMONA BRANCH AT ARCHIVES SHE SAYS 10-12 WEEKS TO REC ORDERS BACK. I AM GOING TO SET UP A TRUST ACCOUNT WHICH WILL SPEED THINGS UP. WHAT YOU ARE DOING IS IN EFFECT PAYING IN ADVANCE. ROMONA IS GOING TO HELP ME SET THIS UP. SO IN FUTURE WON'T BE AS HARD TO GET INFO FROM THEM. THIS ROMONA BRANCH AT THE ARCHIVES SEEMS VERY NICE & HELPFUL. WE WILL SEE. JUST ABOUT HAVE STILLS I TOOK IN DALLAS PUT TOGETHER FOR HAL VERB. PICKED A BOOK TITLED THE TEXAS CONNECTION BY CRAIG T. ZIRBEL. HAVE YU HEARD OF IT. PUBLISHED 1991. INTERESTING BOOK. AS BOOKS GO. YOURS ARE STILL BEST ON SUBJECT. WHICH YU ALREADY KNOW THAT. I HAVE WRITTEN TO DALLAS CITY ARCHIVES OF WHICH HAVE I HAVE NOT REC A REPLY YET. WELL OUR WEATHER IS GETTING VERY WARM 80'S 90'S. WISHED I WAS CLOSER TO YU THERE IS SO MUCH MORE I COULD DO FOR YU & LIL IF I WAS NOT 3000 MILES AWAY. IS THERE ANY THING YU NEED. I AM TRYING TO ROUND UP THOSE BOOKS YU NEED. NOW THAT YOU HAVE COPIES OF OI WNO, CHARLES IS GOING TO SEE WE CAN MAKE IS SAME SIZE AS OTHER BOOKS. ALSO WITHIN 7-10 DAYS I WILL BE SENDING YU 15 MORE COPIES OF OI WNO SHOULD HOLD YU FOR AWHILE IF NOT LET ME KNOW.

YOUR FRIEND  
Bill