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Dear Bill,

If I had my druthers I'd want what is not available locally because I looked some time ago, a good standard portable, not electric, with small type <sup>(13 p.c.m.s)</sup> like this because it saves time by getting more on a page and saves space which I no longer have in filing. If they were made with a correction cassette that would enable me to eliminate and correct individual letters, that would help and make for less illegibility!

This old Hermes 3000 that I got in 1968 still types a straight line on the original platen. When the line is not straight it is the irregularity of my pounding rather than typing. I use up some of the emotion on the machine.

Cramped as I am for space the cord of an electric would be a minor inconvenience, not a serious one, but ~~any~~ <sup>they</sup> all, those I saw and some I tried, have all the wonderful gadgets it would take me to long to both learn and remember when I get keyed up as I do. Last year I tried an IC Smith. Instead I bought an old Remington upright for any emergency. It is in the basement.

Since we are talking about the impossible, my experience with this Hermes 3000 <sup>4</sup>days that would be the best possible but they stopped making them years ago. I think they've not shipped any to this country, any kidd, for years. I was told that.

In time all I'm writing will be to a limited degree available on a diskette. I have two new students retyping for me in their spare time. College had just started here. The one I've seen is winding up the ms of a book on Newman's awful book, what will not be apparent to the underinformed, that it is so bad. The other is to work on my Mailer book. I've not seen her yet this semester but she seemed promising when I met her <sup>out of</sup> last semester. But frankly I have no expectation of any publication. I'm making a record for our history.

I think WWI is the first book to read. It is basic, it stacks 100% and it helps understand what followed it later in the series. If you have the time, read them in order order of appearance. If not read Post Mortem <sup>after WWI</sup> next, I think,

We can have snows <sup>anytime</sup> beginning November and the weather gets a bit colder and wetter about Xmas. Depending on the season, sometimes earlier and sometimes we have relatively mild winters. Almost any time is OK with us if we know in advance except for the two days I have appointments to be driven to John Hopkins Hospital in Baltimore for semi-annual checks.

Hope your daughter is getting along OK. We are about as we were, thanks.

Many thanks and best to you all,

Harold

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DEAR HAROLD

REC YOUR LETTER OF 9-1-95, SORRY THAT YOU  
CANNOT USE THE TYPEWRITER. BUT YOU PUT IT TO  
WHATEVER USE YOU DESIRE. QUESTION AND PLEASE  
ANSWER. IF YOU WERE TO BUY A BRAND NEW  
TYPEWRITER WHAT WOULD YOU BUY. A SMALL  
MANUAL OR ELECTRIC WITH NO FANCY FEATURES. ALSO  
I AM STILL WORKING ON THAT TYPEWRITER STAND  
LOOK AT DIFFERENT MATERIALS WILL KEEP YOU INFORMED  
I WOULD LIKE TO READ YOUR SEQUAL TO NEVER AGAIN.  
I AM SORRY THAT TYPEWRITER WAS SO COMPLICATED.  
PLEASE ANSWER MY QUESTION ABOUT THE TYPEWRITER  
WELL I LOOKED AT THE REST OF YOUR BOOKS  
DONT KNOW WHICH ONE TO READ FIRST. WELL  
I WILL CLOSE NOW. HOPE YOU AND LIL ARE  
DOING WELL. AND I DO UNDERSTAND WHAT  
YOU ARE TELLING ME I YOUR LAST LETTER 9-1-95

YOUR FRIEND

Bill

P.S. WHAT WOULD BE THE LATEST TIME OF  
THE YEAR TO COME, BEFORE BAD WEATHER