

Dear Bill,

1/24/98

I'd about run out of steam by the time we got the mail today so I'm laying aside what I've not done on the almost completed Faking Kennedy until the morning when from the forecast I won't even dare go out to get the Sunday paper! The text is done, I was almost finished the foreword when I got tired. I'll also do a table of contents and maybe, just maybe, I have someone to do the retyping. I'll know in two days when she comes and I learn if she has a full-time job. If she does it will take a long time.

The Can NO you mailed on the 13th came today. You ask what I think of the binding. If it is durable as the Velo I like it better. My one concern with the binding is durability and I've not had a single complaint about eh Velo in I guess about 10 years.

I like the laminated front more, too. I think it will be more durable.

With each of the books with the Velo binding I've given a guarantee and I've not had to replace one. But if this binding is durable, and particularly if it is easier for you out there, I'd prefer it. Anything to ease the burden on you.

Do you know enough about this new binding to know how it will hold up in use? People do read and reread those books, from what they write me.

If you are uncertain, may I suggest that when it is possible you make say 5 or 10 and when I send them out I ask the people what they think and how it holds up?

Seeing that binding reminded me of what I'd once thought of, to be sure that the book did not come apart: stapling the end where the binding is and covering it with something like that binding. I then wondered if I could get the staples flat enough but when the local people recommended the Velo and when we found it held up I gave the binding no more thought.

If you think it will not lead to returns and if it is easier for you people I'm all for it.

PYI: I've done, if I did not tell you, an Afterword for Waketh. I just got it back from BKnight, who likes it. It is a rough draft of about 80 pages. If the woman who is coming Tuesday to see what Faking looks like ^{she} ~~won't~~ have time for that I'll ask her about this.

I've finished reading and correcting the first epilogue to Waketh which took so long to get retyped. As soon as I can make a xerox of it to be able to answer questions I'll get it back to those people for the corrections to be made and then I'll have the disks.

Wrone is about finished retyping the epilogue to the Newman manuscript of which he is making a separate book. He likes it ^{and} we should soon have disks.

Thanks and best to all,

Jacob