

Dear Bill,

8/12/96

Lil and I had read yours of the 7th, laughed, she remembered that the Hale people wanted her to ~~pay~~ ^{pay} a second ~~or~~ time so she sent them the cancelled check, and I was about to write you when I got a call from a good friend, Steve August, who is in charge of baseball operations for the Boston Red Sox. Steve would like a copy of Waketh. I said I'd try to get more likely a diskette than the text printed out. The request with which I begin, if it is not too much for you. And for which I'll pay you. Although we did not mention it, I'm sure he'd also like Hosty's Fudding. He is a good person. Lil and I liked him instantly.

Please let me know what if anything you can do and the cost.

Hope you can make it for the 12th. I think that may be late for Dave and/or Dennis because school will have begun by then. If by then I have the diskette you can have it on the Groden atrocities. I said he can't even sue straight and people are suing him.

I've been sent the Times review of Groden on Perot.

Your mention of the muddy ^{Chio} reminds me that when I was interrupted on this (now Tuesday) we had a flood predicted. Third of fourth so far.

I have both Groden books so you can ask away.

If it seems hard to see how large outfits like Hale can make such mistakes in billing we stopped doing business several years ago with Walden because of their practises which range from total disregard of many letters to plain thievery. We did write them a number of time setting for the terms on which we would resume doing business with them, to several people none of whom responded, and we continue to get orders we finally decided to ignore, getting no responses ever. They cost us, going back to the first 50 copies of WW they got in 1966 and still have not paid for!

Had an unusual experience yesterday. Got a new lens for my right eye Friday and immediately learned it was wrong. When I could not get to see the ophthalmologist right away, was offered an ~~appointment~~ ^{appointment} for three days hence, I told his office I'd bring him the incorrect lens but want to be able to see to read and write. Went to the opticians and they discovered they'd made the mistake. They called him and got through to him as I did not. He asked to speak to me. Told me I'd done the right thing. Now another wait for the correct, I hope, lens. In all my years of wearing glasses, first time such a mistake was made.

If what I've asked is too much, please let me know. I'll then lend Steve the printout I have. It should have, if you can, the note added--can be on the copyright page - for research only. Permissions not requested.

Thanks and best,

Hardy