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August 13, 1996

Dear Harold and Lil:

Well, ready or not, here I come! I am flying solo on September 12, Thursday, and into Baltimore by 8:00 am. I will drive to Frederick and hope to be there by 10:30 or so. I guess my plan is to catch up with you for lunch, if possible.

Betsy sends her regrets, but with two new jobs and the dog, etc. she could not make it. Maybe in a few months.

My plan is to get some more documents and to ask you a few questions. I will be leaving Sunday afternoon.

So, I hope this is okay with you two. Of course, I plan to stay at the Red Horse. If you have to go to the doctor or anything, I am as flexible as can be. However, I want both of you to stay out of the hospital!

Our vacation plans are up in the air, and I don't even know if Betsy will get to go on one. And this may be my vacation!

I wrote Dave Wrone about Waketh, but I have not heard from him. If you want me to I can send him a copy. I offered him one, but have not heard back yet.

As you know by now, I sent McKnight a copy.

You cannot imagine what a thrill it is for me to send you a copy of your own book. It almost makes me feel like I know what I am doing.

Betsy's father just got into town a little bit ago. He drives down from Chicago. We cook almost all his food, and freeze it into plastic containers so he can microwave it. About 250 pounds of food a trip. You should see all the coolers! Looks like one of my beerdrinking-I mean fishing- trips.

I wrote Hale and hope that gets straightened out.

Otherwise, things are good. I agree with you on the Clinton welfare bill. I fail to see that sucking several hundred million a year out of Eastern Kentucky and the cities will solve anything. While it is true we have a largely unmotivated and perhaps even lazy lower class and even middle class, I blame that on the education system more than anything. But I always think it is intellectually dishonest to have such a low minimum wage when we are cutting food stamps.

I have always felt the main goal of the Republican party is to have inexpensive gardeners and cleaning ladies. Social Darwinism at its finest! I don't see anyone talking about cutting mortgage interest deductions, second home deductions or the second mortgage deductions. Guess that welfare for the rich is okay! Sort of socialism for the wealthy.

*Bill*

August 12, 1996

Hale Indian River Groves  
Wabasso, FL 32970

Re: Account # 17-701-764

Dear Hale Indian River Groves:

Last fall I ordered a half bushel of oranges to be sent every month to Harold Weisberg in Frederick, Maryland.

However, the first month you mistakenly sent the oranges to me. My wife called and this mistake was supposed to be credited to my account.

I sent a check last month to pay off my account. I believe my balance is \$0.00. Please correct this mistake.

Sincerely,

William L. Neichter

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cc: Harold Weisberg