

Dear Bill,

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A phone call from an old and a very good friend leads to this letter. He'd like a copy of Waketh. He said he'd be glad to pay the costs and he can afford it. He has retired from a life in the production end of Hollywood where he ^{his} father was one of the pioneers in that area. I would like you to accept the return of the costs, including postage, because with all the copying you are doing you are imposing on yourself.

He came to visit us about 20 years ago when we were still broke and in debt. He saw that I was mowing these five + acres with hand mowers, mountainside or not, and he literally bought me a riding mower. So of course we love the man!

He is Paul Wurtzel, 1688 Sunset Plaza Drive, Los Angeles 90069.

This would go for any other manuscripts, too. But he should be told if they do not say it that they are for research only.

Yesterday the mother-in-law of the woman who is supposedly retyping the first Waketh epilogue was here. She'd not ^{heard} heard what progress if any was made. She'll ask and let us know.

If you have the second epilogue and feel inclined to make a copy for Paul, please include it, too.

By now I'd expected the first half of the first to have been retyped and I've had the second half ready for retyping for a couple of weeks. Can't find anyone who really wants the work and who will get down to doing it. I've suggested to Jerry that he ask a lit prof if there is a student ~~want~~ who would like to finish the retyping of the lengthy Mailer ms. It could be educational for that student, too, besides being a source of income. He will, he says.

He was here yesterday to copy a few more things for ExSess, the first of the ~~two~~ two books I'm so glad he took over that he'll do. He has made a formal request for a sabbatical to do it. He may come today for more. His The Last Crusade, on King's Pocom, is due about Xmas. Great job he did on it.

I'd ignored it when it appeared in 1993 but I was given a copy of Nechiporenko's book and I'll write a bit on it. It is a fraud, the reason I did not ^{get} get it when it was published, that being obvious from what was said about it. He called it Passport to Assassination. Too tired to do much else yesterday, I started reading and annotating it.

I got that tired walking to buy a small portable radio that takes AA batteries of which I have a good supply in rechargables. I found one in Radio Shack that while not what I wanted was all I could get. And I'm too feeble to get the batteries in. I'll take it back when I can. Too tired ~~for~~ that walking yesterday and tomorrow I have an extraction of a root of the tooth the top of which broke off. Best.

(To get news while I sleep)

Harold