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My Dearest Harold and Lil:

Well, ready or not, here we come! I will be arriving in Baltimore about 8am, Thursday, April 23. I will drive to Frederick that morning and call as soon as I arrive. If I catch you, we can have lunch. If not, I'll see you two after lunch.

We will be staying at the Red Horse. Gerry Ginocchio will be driving up. Arrive afternoon April 23, he will try to hook up with us that afternoon.

You will be stuck with us Friday and Saturday. Gerry will drive back Sunday afternoon. I do not have to be back to Baltimore until early evening, my flight out is 9 pm. I will have a rental car.

We shall do anything we can to help you two, and I defer to Gerry as far as what files we will copy. I have become especially interested in the James Earl Ray case.

Betsy sends her regrets. We may be able to come up in July, for a medical records seminar in D.C.

Gerry is going to teach some summer school. I think he is going to fly out to California to see his wife's family this summer, so spring was best for him.

Frankly, it is kind of weird to be up there solo. While you and Lil are very nice, I never liked to stay in hotels by myself. Got enough of that earlier in life. It will be more fun with Gerry. He is pretty brilliant. I am in awe of his knowledge. I hope to be more like him.

I will visit my stepsister in Bethesda one evening. This makes my trip more acceptable to my family, Betsy is very supportive, but the rest of my family probably thinks I am a little nutty. My mother has never reconciled herself to the fact that I am not selling tractors for a living. Well, I wanted to!

Speaking of CAT hats, my halfwit brother is supposed to have given me one by now. Illness, out of town work, has slowed him. I need to keep a few handy like I used to.

His wife is pregnant. Wonder if they will raise the kid Jewish. What the hell, the whole Neichter family is lapsed Catholic! She is a lawyer, Federal prosecutor.

I am really looking forward to seeing you two and Gerry. We talked last year about coming up together, but never did. Dennis M. could not make it.

A little bit, I feel like Horatio at the bridge. With Posner and the ignorant coming across. We are in a battle for the historical legacy of these two murders. Who will win. The barbarians or the Weisbergians?

I gotta tell you, Gerry and I are fierce defenders of you!

Anyway, I hope our arrival is convenient for you. We both really appreciate the chance to work with you. It is not often that you get the chance to work with one of your heros. Or both, as I count Lil. She is heroic just for putting up with all the researchers that have been in your house.

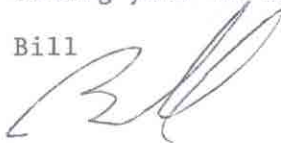
As I told Betsy, buying "Whitewash" for me was like buying a ticket for the Indy 500 and getting to drive one of the cars!

Seriously, if we can help you all with yardwork, or anything, we will. We are also going to give your copier a workout!

I must be the only guy in the world whose hobbies are going to auto races, fishing, and hanging out with Harold Weisberg!

We hope both are feeling well, and we both really look forward to seeing you. We shall be in touch.

Bill

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Bill', written in a cursive style.