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Dear Harold and Lil:

Sorry my correspondence has been so poor. I think the last letter I wrote was 4 months ago to Gerry Ginocchio. About three months ago, my mother went into some sort of medical emergency. She has smoker's lung, aka COPD. She had never been on oxygen until then. Since then she has been in and out of hospitals and has nearly died several times. In addition, I have caught the doctors making mistakes like taking her off oxygen without checking her blood levels. Now, she has just been operated on for a staph infection and is back in the nursing home.

Which pisses me off because I am absolutely positive that the infection could have been prevented if the hospital was not so filthy. I am talking about human fecal matter being left on the floor for 3 days until I complained.

So far, we have one doctor on a Medicare audit and a complaint to the risk manager about my mom's care.

XKSo, it is not an excuse but a reason. I have been so rattled that I came to a sudden realization about Sept. 20 that perhaps I should pay my Bar Assoc. dues, due Sept. 10! Lucky I have not heard from the KBA yet.

As I understand your problem, I need to make a complete inventory of unpublished material I have from you, most of which is on computer disk. We did a partial inventory last year. ~~So~~
We shall see what we can come up with. One concern I had was if I should print out all disks, because computer operating systems in the future might not be able to retrieve the info off the disk.

Computers are a pain in the ass sometimes. Betsy connected a printer, and it erased her entire operating system off her computer. Had to take it into the shop. Thought it was impossible.

So, we shall try to make a complete inventory in the next few days, make duplicate disks, and I'll talk to Clay Ogilvie and see if he wants the duplicates.

Certainly sounds like a strange breakin. I still think better locks won't hurt. Amateurs? Doesn't really sound like it, does it?

Anyway, I am sorry if I upset you. I wish that was my biggest problem. But with Mom in the nursing home, skin and bones, I have been what used to be called a walking nervous breakdown.

Rest assured, I have disks that represent thousands of pages of your work, most of which has never been printed out. For example, I only printed two chapters of Whoring with History.

I spoke to Dave Wrone recently. I am going to write the OAH. I bet you and Dave liked being referred to as Holocaust deniers! Which I guess is the biggest insult one could make to a Jew. Or a historian. Dave forgot to send me the review of Posner's book. Posner has been turning up on cable tv as a political analyst.

Dr. Schlesinger spoke at Centre College. Missed him, but here is the article.

I hope for the best for you, Lil and Mom. This old age is not pretty. Beats the alternative. Mom is so touch and go. Iliterally cannot sleep at night or concentrate in the day.

Love,
Bill