

Dear Harold:

19 February 1999

I have finished retyping The "*Wedge Critique*" and the *Mailer's tales* manuscripts. You should by now have the Twyman critique, *Badly Reasoned*. I have received *Inside* from Dennis along with some 30-50 pages for retyping which I finished retyping yesterday. I merely need to print out the Belin letter pages (they are reproduced as a graphic) before I put that in the mail, too.

I put *ZR Rifle Trifle* and before it *Case Open* aside to do the latest returns for re-typing. I will return to *Zr Rifle Trifle* tonight. The page numbers for *ZR Rifle Trifle* did not come through (they were on the very edge of the scanned pages and are sometimes unintelligible). I am doing my best to put the pages in order by context. I will send a completed project to you in another week or two. I will return my template for what good it is but the original (in the basement) will needed to get any out of sequence pages straight.

I learned, much to my dismay, that FEMA Boston will not be my next job location, at least in the near future. I came as quite the surprise and left me a little depressed until I thought of what you and Lil' have gone through. I telephoned Lil' on Valentine's Day but could not get through to her. I had the nursing home number and not her own room number. The person on the telephone chose, or could not, transfer me. She left a message that I called I hope.

There is a possibility that I may be visiting the area on or near 10 March 1999. It is too early to tell if the drill meisters will invite me to be present. If so I should no a week in advance.

I repaginated the Mailer and Riebling critiques with numbers on the right as you had earlier requested and deleted all the blank pages as well. This, as a consequence, will make it more difficult to correlate the page corrections with the retyped manuscript.

Regarding dialysis, have you discussed the possibility of once a week dialysis instead of twice a week. It seems to me if you have gone so many months without it after you were prescribed the treatment, that you may be able to extend your writing career by this option

without putting your life in jeopardy. This also permits you to evaluate the effectiveness of the treatment and leaving the door open to increasing the frequency of dialysis treatment.

Will stop here and put this in with one of the two packages to be posted this afternoon after work.

Best wishes to you and Lil'

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Clay O.", written in dark ink.

Clay O.

P.S. Know anybody at the Edgewood Proving Grounds or at the Frederick Post that is working in Emergency Preparedness that I could use to angle for a good job?