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Dear Marina,

While it does not undo anything perhaps you will be interested in a card I just got ^{one} who was at the GOPA convention in Washington:

"Did anyone inform you that among the reasons Norman Mailer gave for not showing up was that he had thought you ~~might~~ might show up to collect your plaque? That set off another round of applause for you."

He had agreed to be there and to speak.

Mary Ferrell also got such a plaque, for lifetime achievement, etc.

Or, Mailer is not really as tough as he pretends and he knows very well that anyone who knows the fact can clobber him.

I do not know that he knew I was writing a book about his and his book. I did not tell him but perhaps others did. Or he was just plain yellow.

He has another book out, on Picasso. The reviewers are murdering him over it.

As you may remember, I keep strange hours. Last week one early morning when I stopped work for breakfast about 3 a.m. I turned the TV on to get the news. As I switched from one station to another I thought the facts on the channel that did not have news was familiar. I ^{turned} turned back to it and it was your daughter June. She handled herself very well. And the belief she expressed seems to indicate that she has had a change of mind and more or less agrees with you now.

I have finished the rough draft of my Mailer book. It is not small, 40 chapters and as you may recall my chapters are not short. I have not looked for a publisher believing that would merely waste some of the little time that remains for me. But it will be a record for our history. It is being retyped on a computer and when that is done I'll provide duplicate cassettes of it to several professors beside the copy my records will hold.

Best wishes,

Harold

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