

new Preface?

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Dear Raphaela,

With many too many interruptions while writing it, here is the new Preface.

As of the last mail, I had not received the rest of the retyped text. I am anxious about that.

One of these interruptions makes me more anxious.

My local ophthalmologist this week referred me back to the surgeon at Johns Hopkins for him to determine whether, given my complications possible for me from any surgery, the cataract should <sup>a</sup> be removed <sup>now</sup> from the other eye. I now have so little use of it, it cannot make out the largest letter on the charts they use. With what is normally outpatient surgery, <sup>last time</sup> I was hospitalized for five days and was not allowed to drive for three or four months.

I expect to know this coming Tuesday when my wife will be at Johns Hopkins with the cousin who drives me there so that if, as I think is probable, this added surgery is recommended my transportation can be arranged at the same time.

I certainly would like to be able to read the retyped draft before that happens.

Particularly if Richard and Herman Graf realize the significance <sup>I do</sup> of something I sent up of February on this subject, the NBC <sup>TV</sup> miniseries on Posner now being filmed.

Hope you are all having the best of holiday seasons!

Harold