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Dear Miss Duryea,

Appreciate your and Arthur's interest in my having all I need, but he has forgotten what I once told him. I do not need first sheets because of a mistake my printer made several years ago. This is the story:

We use the NCR paper only in the preparation of the final draft of the book (actually, in each case thus far, because of time pressures, the retyped first draft). The first sheet is the one we preserve, hopefully, for the offset camera. My artist, who designed the first book for us, suggested that the margins could be watched more carefully if we had them printed in with an ink to which the offset film is insensitive. He ruled up a sample and my printer got some first NCR sheets and printed them for us. Two mistakes were made: the artist was off on his drawing of the right-hand line and the printed in how many sheets he printed. So, we have some left. As long as I have any, I certainly will not impose on Arthur. When I have used them all up, I will ask for first sheets also.

The request I made is for enough to do the same. The request is now completed. If Arthur can increase the size of this, it will be used on THE BEAT now, the second of the three on the autopsy, to which I shall return as soon as I complete correcting this one. My wife is typing the first half while I correct the last half. The research for the autopsy book is completed. In this case, do not spend the extra cost for Greyhound, unless it is less expensive for you, for her typing has been slowed down by a few of what to me are intrusions. If it can get off by the middle of the coming week, it should reach use before our supply is entirely exhausted. This is an enormous book. Besides a lengthy appendix, it will probably total a quarter or a million words. But if you use Greyhound, please put our phone on the address, for the convenience of the small local terminal.

I have responded to Miss Wilcox' letter. The book is not printed. When any are - they they are - I'll send them to you. You have the only edition.

Thanks to you all,

Sincerely,

Harold Weisberg

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Dear Mr. Weisberg,

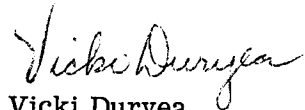
Mr. Price has asked me to go ahead with taking care of your request for NCR sheets and fill your needs.

However I am confused by what is meant by 500 final sheets and about 2,000 middle sheets. We have sent you complete amounts in the past and wonder how you manage to have an adequate supply of first sheets on hand.

By the way, you must have received a letter from Joan Wilcox which evidently crossed in the mail with yours. She wrote you on August 29 because we have not been able to locate a copy of "Post-mortem" which we understand is out on the bookstores.

Please advise as soon as possible.

Sincerely,



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Secretary to Arthur Price

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