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REPLY TO DISTRICT OFFICE

January 3, 1965

Dear Sol,

I assume that sooner or later you will get to work and get this letter.

Also in today's mail was a letter from Vanguard Press, one of those interested, in which they decided against the book. In this case, delay was a clear factor, for, while describing it as "extremely interesting" they pointed only to the appearance of Sylvan Fox's book (which agrees with the Commission).

And on that subject, yesterday's "Book Week" reviewed another book published by Ivan Obolensky, Inc. Whether or not he is there, it seems from this they continue to have a corporate existence.

My teaching cousins are: Henry Weisberg, who is, I believe, a principal and whose subject, as I recall, was English

Frieda Ehrenreich (Mrs. Joseph), a very warm but quite ill person. She has had at least one massive heart attack but is back at work. Her husband, a chemist, is a former teacher.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Cöttler, both retired, 7715 Mill Road, Elkins Park (a suburb). These are two of the people of whom I am fondest. Joe got me a job with his brother during the depression (although we had never previously met), kept me in his home that summer, and I was able to save up the \$20.00 with which I made the down payment of my first year's college fees. He is a musician, used to be a music critic, and has written a number of children's books. I saw them for the first time in years this past summer on one of my trips back from New York. I haven't spoken to the others in a long time. I am certain they are in the phone book. The Ehrenreich's only child, a brilliant boy, has been very active in the civil-rights movement. Henry, who is about my age, lost a leg at the torso as a consequence of a non-combat injury during WWII. I hear he is or was the national handicapped-golfer champion of the country or the world.

My mind is not clear and my typing poorer than usual at least in part because I'm hungry. I may eat nothing today and practically nothing tomorrow in preparation for the pending medical examinations. If, as I hope, they show nothing serious, as of now I think I'll go to New York next week, if other things don't prevent it or if I don't hear something good from the other publishers, and we can talk about this more. I can also stop off on the way back and at least phone these people for Nancy.

Among the other things that might prevent it are the problems with our lawyers. It is a very complicated, unusual and worrisome thing, but it turns out that without consulting me Williams gave the case, as a personal case, to a young member of his staff, and then kept him so busy that he could do nothing. They have had the case almost two years, took 15 months to file the complaint, and have, really, done nothing. I have written Williams who has replied to expressing himself as extremely

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disturbed by my letter and asking me to call for an appointment. I did last week  
and have been waiting for a call back since.

The whole thing hurts us, as you know, and is further disturbing because this  
fine young man (who I thought was doing the research, etc.) Williams - a  
former clerk to Chief Justice Warren - has in my presence told the Army's Chief  
of Claims that he has never seen such documentation and authentication as I have.  
Further, although I know it is not binding and may mean nothing, I have been told  
by the office of the General Counsel of the Defense Department and by two different  
Judge Advocates General of the Second Army that the only question is how much  
damage has been done us. I have admissions of just about everything except the  
damage, in writing, from the Government. And I have statements from about 30  
eyewitnesses, many from customers, and the proper technical experts all lined up.  
I have done all of it, the lawyers none.

Do you know any lawyer or lawyers who might be interested, in Washington or perhaps  
Baltimore, and who will work on the case. The revenue might be quite good. Williams  
filed for \$300,000. But there are problems beside the work for any lawyer, for a  
damage case against the government is not like a straight damage case in that the  
lawyer may accept no retainer and is limited to 20% by law. This one is further  
complicated by our lack of finances. I think, however, that there are possibilities  
of settlement, and we have already established the precedent by winning the first  
case. But I'll have to do something about a lawyer very soon, especially if the  
tests tomorrow and Wednesday indicate something serious.

This was all brought to a head when the young lawyer admitted to Lil and me he  
felt he had not looked out for our interests as he would have like to, explained why  
and suggested we consider seeking other representation.

Well, maybe beginning now we'll have some good things happen to us. Best to you  
all from us both.

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December 29, 1965

Mr. Harold Weisberg  
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Dear Harold:

Thank you for your letter of December 26. It's good to learn that you have received additional expressions of serious interest in your book from another publisher.

Please let us have the names of your "swell cousins" who are or have been teachers in Philadelphia. We'll give them to Nancy so that she can seek from them whatever advice or counsel that she needs. Nancy is scheduled to begin working as a teacher of remedial reading in a Philadelphia public school on January 3.

I hope you and Lil are all right. Frieda, Nancy and I send our love and best wishes for a most happy and successful New Year.

Sincerely,



Sol Rabkin

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