## 9/9/66

Dear inr. Stanley,
Fsstily, for I an rushing to complete onother bok nd still hove ell the functions of a publisher to perform, let me respond to sone gif your letter of the 6th. I aprectate and thank you for its tone ond agrec with your opinion on "comercialism". As I see it, I am the victim of it, to begin $x i t h$ and nom. Ir you lmem what was goinc on, the theft and throst-cuttinc, the stealing of evan lines irom successful public spcerronces, the pressures of various sorts, you'd know this. hen the history of this perio? is writren, I En satisfied you'li find thot it was my camplete responsibility and moderation on the electronic medie, for to begin with the papers shd marozines nould rot touch the subject, the h s openoc it up.......me of the story of the dirty doines will be coming out befcre too long. The fact that I heve secrificed the comerctal volue it will hove to re is, i hope 7 ou will agree, ample evidence that $I$ am in accord with your sentiments und have practised whet I proach. It is :130 obvious I an loost in Awact:l contition to do so.

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Sincer ly,

Harold eisberg

