

10/6/69

Dear both,

From your silence, I take it your departure from NY has been delayed, I hope by good things.

I now have to be in NY the 22nd. I'll probably get there about midday Tuesday the 21st. I should be ready to return the evening or night of the 22nd. The meeting for which I am going, with an agent and a publisher, should be over by 3 p.m. the 22nd. Of course, it is possible that something will come up to make it desirable that I remain over the night of the 22nd.

However, if that approximately coincides with the time of your delayed departure, perhaps we could come here together?

Lil continues the slow retyping of the addition to COUP. She has it about half completed. It is very long.

We're both okay, both tired. Bright young faces will be a lift.

Lately, when possible, I have been going to a local "community sale", seeking things we need and cannot afford. It is an auction to which people send things they no longer need. Infrequently what is sold brings more than it is worth, sometimes much more than it cost new. However, it is generally true that they bring very low prices. For example, I need a card table for the making-up of the books, something easily stored at other times. I got two, each for \$1.25, getting the poorer on the chance I'd not want to go as high as the better would bring. You can have it, if you'd like. I got two fireplace sets for the cost of a single screen or single set of andirons. And we are now heating the house with nothing but the fireplace. So, if there are essential items you think you'll not be able to get at low cost in Pitts. when you get there, let me know what they are and I'll see if they are available.

Best,

September 12, 1962

Mr. Stewart Meacham  
American Friends Service Committee  
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Mr. Meacham,

Russ Trunzo is well known to me personally, through his own work, and through work he has done for me. On each basis I recommend him highly, as a person and as a worker.

Your people with whom he has had contact should know enough about his character and principles for any exposition to be excessive. You should know, from those you know, that he is a fine fellow.

From samples of his own work you should be able to see, as I have, his ability to locate information and to use it.

He has obtained materials for me it would seem were not available. He has made arrangement of the most difficult sort for me that I would have thought close to impossible. If you would like, I will tell you of these things, but I'd prefer not to record them. In my work they have been important. I think they demonstrate a capacity for analysis, understanding and doing that, with his reporterial background, convince me he is ideally suited to coordinate and supervise research of just about any kind, but especially the most difficult, requiring the kinds of perception and skills not taught but innate. Along with this I have seen him demonstrate initiative with greatest circumspection and responsibility, including who to know to get what he wanted when it was not accessible to him personally, and when it was not explicitly asked of him, because he knew it was wanted and needed.

I would like very much to see this project underway.

Sincerely,

Harold Sigberg