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Dear Anna Marie,

Please excuse the several days of delay in writing to let you know those four interesting books came and to thank you for them and for the beautiful inscriptions in them. I was writing, with someone to do the retyping, and that is time I could not waste! However, with that done, before I turn to reading and correcting another bit of writing that has been retyped, I want also to hope that your medical problems can be eliminated and with that any spin you may have. I could only understand some of that and I may have misunderstood some of it.

My hearing is not the real problem, although I hear nothing without hearing aid, now the third set of them. The trouble is some kind of damage to the auditory or related nerves that interferes with comprehension of what the hearing aids make audible. So, if when you phoned I said what may not have made sense, perhaps this explains it.

We have both slowed down some. Lil needs a hip replacement the surgeon is delaying. Lil was ready for it a year ago. My two hospitalizations for congestive heart failure have weakened me much. And I am listening to my body and trying to get more rest. There is also renal failure and more other things than you'll want to know. The local critical care specialist who rubbed me from the local hospital to Johns Hopkins a year ago did not expect me to survive. As he only recently told us. And the dermatologist who is treating me for what the essential medications cause tells me she regards it as a miracle when I walk in.

So, I'm lucky. And I hope the luck holds up for a while longer.

We have accumulated, between us, 169 years and that alone is good luck. so We are grateful. As we are for all the very good people we have met in all those many years. I'm sorry it is not safe for me to travel to visit with some of them. And maybe some of them who have not welcomed my telling them ~~what~~ ^{not} what they did not know (that is not comfortable to what they want to believe) would be all that glad to see us! There are a few thinkers on both sides but as I hope you have had the chance to observe, most are good people, caring and sincere people for many if not most of whom I have high regard. Even if I have told them things they did not want to hear!

As you know from the Afterword of NEVER AGAIN! what you gave Gary Aguilar that he gave me was very, very worthwhile and appreciated.

Dear Anna Maria, thank you very much and the best of good luck to you,

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