

Dear Jim,

12/4/74

Checking my calendar I find that I have to be in Rockville for a ¹⁰4³⁰ a.m. appointment the 16th. I expect it to last about an hour. It may run a little longer. It should not take more than 3-40 minutes to get downtown from here if you want to arrange a get-together with the lady who has black friends. Or her friends. Or Hastings.

You should be free of Haile that day.

I'll get to him in the a.m.

When I got home I had 8 IVs to package, 8WVs and 2 each of 2 and 3. By the time I finished getting these ready for a.m. mailing it was too late and I too tired, what with a 3:30 a.m. start. Barring interruptions I'll have read and ~~skipped~~ and then read again and typed a memo before supper tomorrow. Rather I'll have to do it by 2 p.m. People coming. Forget. But I hope to.

I thought of Paul driving home trying without success to figure out what lies under that bitterness and hate and the insistence that is inherent in the right ~~at~~ to be unethical and to do the essentially unethical. At this point I'm not troubled about what he says do to us, although I am not at all certain that he can't ruin something that could be good by a silliness like what alone he has talked about.

The irrationality of it is depressing. If all he alleges were true it amounts to nothing of any real significance. It does not in any way influence the basic facts or the essential truth, one of the advantages of facsimile reproduction.

And, of course, they are not all true if perhaps some are. (I heard of another typo just a few minutes ago, a965 for a964.)

To me one of the clues is his describing your modest use of "preposterous" as unjustified. I think you understated and the printed record alone establishes this to reasonable mind. Here I'm suggesting more than that he is not reasonable.

The more I thought without reaching conclusions while I drove the more I became convinced that my description of "sick" is not really adequate.

There really isn't much we can do if he wants the world to benefit from his so-all essay.

But it would be better if we could persuade him to suck his thumb. Or anything else convenient. The possibility of ancillary use are not exhausted, regardless of the prospect.

I'm inclined not to phone Lapham. If you disagree I will. I'm inclined to agree with Jim White's evaluation that it may take some time to sink in. And I'd like to have that time. The first ancillary sue of any part of WW was not less than more than six months after publication in being contracted. I haven't even made a pitch there. I could. (For this it would be good to ask Bud to ask ~~vicini~~ to return the xeroxing. It is many months late now and we did ask.)

Anyway, I'm left with an uneasy feeling about Paul. I'm not going to do or even try to do anything, but I find these to be the basest emotions he is glossing over with atypical rhetoric and whatever he may dislike in what I have written him he has yet to respond to any representation about ethics or morals.

Way back, by the way, my openness with him and using him as a duplicate repository-long before he ever sent me a single page - was based on his assurances that he would never write anything. I think this may be one of his hangups.

I know this man's mind and some of his quirks. None of this is at all like him as I've thought I've understood him, aside from the insistence that his science tells him all, even about legal matters and opinions on evidence.

I've written him nothing - forgiving him hell for trying to reason- of which I did I have not sent you a copy.

Typical of the self-deception in which he engages, is the suggestion that because of what he imagines he sees and doesn't see the book won't sell at Berkeley. That transcript alone, without the other stuff, will come closer than anything else to rivaling sex on any campus today. Besides, people don't first read books and then buy them.

Oh, well. Mysteries not worth the time.