

1/8-Thanks for your 1/3,6. Incredible that such shit has Frank has kept from his toilet should get such a play. Can it be because Doubleday has so much in it? They began in six figures, you may recall.... Think I forgot to ask Jerry to see about arranging a few not unfriendlys in the Capp audience. Please ask him when you speak. I may forget when he calls. Much new on mind. And tired... If your estimate of Howard R's book may be correct, I think it is not all that accounts. It looks good now with Univ. Penna Press. Generally your comment is apt and flattering, but do not underestimate HR, of whom I feel as though he were my son. He has and has had full and free access to my files, just left yesterday with more, but he has an excellent mind, does his own thinking and his own research, if much of it is based on that of others. There is nothing wrong with the latter if done ethically.., I like the Dostoevsky-Gogol thing, but it is somewhat exaggerated.

Agreed on TIGER and vs AO, but I still think it necessary to do AO first. Perhaps coming developments for which I've no time but of which JP knows the essence may help you understand my thinking and ordering of priorities. When you get as broke as I am it is like being so very cold you don't feel it.... The tragic aspects of COUP I've long since forgotten. There are too many new ones almost daily. One can't dwell on or in the past without surrendering the future. And who can see it clearly enough, ever? Many thanks. I'll let the Joesten await a moment when I have reason to be confident about the strength of my stomach.... As of now I expect to be in NYC the weekend of 1/14. JP will know. Best.

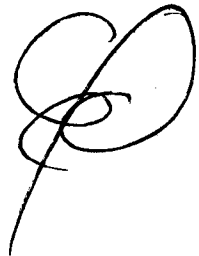
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Dear Harold,

These clubs chose
G.F.'s An American Death
as a future selection - Literary
Guild, Book Fund, and Playboy
Book Club.

That's yuckering!

Sincerely,

A stylized, handwritten signature consisting of a large, looped initial 'P' followed by a few more strokes.

1/3/72

Dear Harold,
What retale
poetern!

I discussed The Roggeman
material with R.P.

I gather that he is
a phatoge.

As Dostoevsky said of
Gogol: "We are all the
children of his Overcoat."

This statement reflects
your position among the
critics.

I wish Mr. R. well albeit
I still feel that only his
age can attract any attention
on the subject. Of course,
this is no reflection on his
work or P.M. either but
only my impression of the

Commercial situation.

Tiger has greater
market potential than Agent
Oswald.

The tragedy is that
the original Coup put it
all together.

Sincerely,
