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Dear Harold:

In reading on Lincoln of the 1850s I encountered a quotation from Judah Benjamin, an attorney in Bloomington, Illinois, a prairie town. A Jew, this is not the Judah Benjamin of the same name who was in the Confederate government. He judged Douglas' action in the campaign for the U. S. Senate in 1858 and said in a speech, "Senator Douglas allowed his knees to tremble, under stress of a local election. The senator faltered. He got the prize for which he faltered, but his success for the Senate, purchased for an ignoble price, has cost him the loss of the Presidency of the United States." This is an excellent judgment, pithily put. Douglas shifted his ground from the press of Lincoln's position on moral issues to meet the challenge of Lincoln, won Illinois but lost the South as well as other supporters and thus lost the election of 1860.

I am reading your manuscript on Russell & Cooper later on tonight (I quickly read it earlier) and will write to you as soon as I finished.

I just finished your letters and commentary to Gallen & Co. The subject is so intriguing to me I could not wait to read it in order of receipt and jumped the manuscripts to them. Several times over the past few weeks I have thought about the manner in which your publisher is handling Case Opened and have come to the conclusion I can't figure it out except it reveals a fundamental ignorance on the subject coupled with a desire to do it on the cheap. But that would not explain it all. Given the friendship component I must admit I am unable to comment. The whole episode reminds me of an Indian story about hunting bears, no doubt told to remind all persons about the danger of bears. Two hunters had wounded a bear terribly and it was crippled, half blinded by its wounds, and staggering, yet it destroyed the one hunter and badly mauled the other. Your book will do the same. Even with a bad presentation you are very good.

Howard Fast's recent book of collected columns in a weekly New York newspaper contains one that is curious. In discussing Reagan's presidency he relates information that he received from old red friends about the attempt of Reagan to join the Communist Party in the late 1930s and they turned him down as a flake. Reagan was upset over the starving people. Is not history strange?

Yesterday I finally discovered the company that makes computer programs for foreign languages; they have about 300 in stock and can make up a Menominee font for me. In Menominee which does not use all the letters of the English

Alphabet there are six distinctive characters, in addition to the regular a e i o u and ae they repeat these with a long mark over them. Normally after you type you have to go over the text with a pen and ink in the marks. These are important for speaking and of course for meaning, changing "eggs" to "thank you" for example, or "food" to "shit." One of the young speakers who did not know much Menominee but had had an interview with some native speakers for a language job at the Menominee High School forgot to emphasize the right syllables when he remarked to the formal group in Menominee after finishing his interview, that "I thank you for the interview and now must go and shit my pants."

They kern letters, meaning as I understand it they include a long mark that can be hit after the typing of a letter and it will go back one space and properly set itself over the letter. They find a place for it on the board by removing a bracket sign or a + sign. So for typing nut with the u as a long mark you would type four characters, n u kern-symbol t. All I have to do is write to the company with the letters I want plus a sample of the written text and with a slight modification in one of their standards they will produce a Menominee language font that can be used on the computers with no problem whatsoever. They will then study the problem and give me a report before proceeding. Cost will be 100.00\$ probably. Which is in programs rather cheap. By working with the University I think I can get it still cheaper. The tribe will like it.

Yesterday, by invitation, I spoke to the Chancellor's Native American Advisory board about the Menominee Language. About ten people, three white UWSP bureaucrats and the Chancellor plus eight Indians from around the state. I put the language into the purposes of the University, of society, and of humanity, illustrated what made the language a language as complex and challenging as all languages and then how it would appeal to white and Menominee students. Chancellor remarked after the several members commented favorably on the language being taught that it will be taught next year and on a regular basis. Proof of the pudding is in its eating however, but that is a good sign.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Joseph" or "Josephine", with a large, stylized flourish underneath.

Dear Dave,

3/18/94

I thought you'd be away this week and next so I've been sending nothing, accumulating enough for ~~xxxxxx~~ a priority mail shipment. So your 3/15 was a surprise.

What you say about case ^{02/11} closed is exactly how we feel. But I just learned that they did include the conclusions and that it is all at the printer's. We can't make any sense of it.

That business about the Menominee language font is fascinating and I think in time important. You might want to think in terms of a news story that would do the people who are doing it some good, and that they might appreciate it. Depending on ~~xxxx~~ where they are what paper(s).

Surprise and wonderful that the chancellor likes it that much!

Gary Aguilar sent me some recently disclosed HSCA stuff. I have ^{some} the staff memos of interviews in a labelled box and separately the appearance before the ^{medical panel} ~~panel~~ by Eber-
sle. You may want to go over them when you are here. I have Finck's to read and I'll do that in the a.m.

I'm trying to get all today's mail answered today so I can be uninterrupted with the Finck. Among other things is unintended self-indictment by the House assassins.

Not much new here. Same kind of weather, snow this a.m., and I have what I think the prescribed anti-biotic and soaking will take care of an infected big toe. Slows me down a bit.

Excuse the haste,

Harold