

Dear Dave,

10/15/78

I'm a bit tired for a long memo for Jim relating to the DJ brief in the spectro appeal, No. 1831, and a little too much use of the shoulder muscles, which appear to restrict the arterial restriction, so I am not respond in full to your kind and thoughtful 10/10.

Some of your kind of weather is coming down here, with strong winds. Dropped millions of pine needles. I've spent two days when I could sweeping them up and carrying them to a mulch pile I'm making for oil. Easy work but it has this odd effect on me.

You failed to tell me what the Eagon phone call will be about but I'll play it my ear. Thanks for the cue-in.

Great that a major publisher of biblios wants yours. Ordinarily a \$500 advance would be nothing but in your field it might be fine. The significance of an advance is its measure of the publisher's planned effort. That may mean nix with biblios.

But how good it will be to have it out, in distribution and available to scholars.

Prior to your opinion I told Bud no. I'll try to talk him out of another bad job. We can do no other. I'll tell him as I have in a draft that from now on I'll try to tear up any bad books. If they are not good now they are bad. The situation has begun to change and will change more this way. It will be necessary for me to do these kinds of things if I am to remain separated from nuttiness and irresponsibility.

With what he really believes it can't be a good book and we need no more like his other one.

Best to youall,

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Dear Harold:

Thank you for the visit and the kind treatment you afforded me and please give my best to Ed. Ely. "Studies" her stamps.

My body appears to have picked up a minor disorder in transit, perhaps from an airport meal or D.C. quick food shop and I was a little off my peak while there.

I proceed to work on the bibliography.

Your request for observations on AO and Bud leave me a little odds-ends because of the peculiar nature of your evolving relationship with the question yourself. I think, on what I know, that to go ahead might be the somewhat approach. I presume pre-emptive strikes a la Epstein's Legend and think the contents of AO ought be moved the best way you know into the public domain.

Bud's motive is immaterial.

I further believe that this will

free you for other equally important tasks
although I have reservations about Sad's
capacities.

(Perhaps you ought to get an ombudsman
to carry or channel your commentary or etc with
Sad. -- say HR -- a kind of Lewis Budeman
to work on principles, etc., and give Sad a way
to relate.?)

I have spent several hours w/ Eger
and I believe he will give you an
"exploratory" phone call prior to an
extended one with him Elly (Chancellor) &
me. Curious how the fact of phone
contact raises questions of the unknown;
I said go ahead be clear, facted, honest,
and cut it off whenever you (i.e. Eger) wish.

Paul

P.S. just now!
a major publisher of bibliographies has
offered us a contract on the book proposal.
(We wait for the rest of the replies) Just
enough advance to provide for typing the MSS (\$500⁰⁰)
This book will have an impact.