

Dear Bob,

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Appreciate your call to tell me the material was still in hand. I am not concerned about when I get it back - only that I do.

What you said about Zebra is provocative. It is that they told you they would not do my book and would not tell you why.

They could have said it stinks.

Or that it is not their kind of book.

Almost anything other than what they did say^{to me} they could have to you.

The reasons given to me, as I wrote you earlier, generally are not reasons for turning down a book.

I'm interested in this and would appreciate anything you know about them. I'd like to see a profit and loss statement, too.

I think you should give some thought to what they wanted of you and what they could expect you to say before they asked it of you. As you said yourself the book they wanted made no sense and could not possibly justify the advance offered. Could their original formulation have meant mischief? Does anyone believe that there is this much interest in the criticism?

There is something I forgot to tell you, I think. I have applied for the Hagest Corp. reward on proving McDonald is a fraud. He is and I can prove it and I have. If you are unfamiliar with it there is a \$10,000 reward for the proof as an outgrowth of a cheap shot at promoting a FSE.

I know what McDonald will say and I'll be able to take adequate care of it.

It would be foolish to expect willing compliance with the offer.

With a west-coast outfit it is good that they said enough to get into federal court.

Best,