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Mr. Walter Zacharias
Kensington Publishing Co. - Zebra Books
521 Fifth Avenue
New York, New York 10017

Dear Walter:

The stresses show in your voice. Less this call than last, but clearly.

I think in your recollections, too.

This has grown much too complicated. There is no need for it to be complicated.

I did not ask for a 50 percent interest in the book, this one or any other. That was your idea.

Not only do I see nothing wrong with a standard form of contract, I prefer it. You make a million dollars that way and I'll be content not to have half of it.

With a decent advance I'll take care of my own needs and costs. That you would pay these and charge them to the new corporation where we'd share them was your idea, too.

You are aware that my need for help is not merely to save time in completing this book. It is also so that other work will be less of an intrusion into this and so that I may get to other writing sooner.

So I release you from your offer of 50 percent of the profit.

This should enable you to get back to me with something real.

Sincerely,

Harold Weisberg