

Dear Harold:

Since you seem to be getting the NY Times, on the whole, most of the time these days, suppose you let us know which DATES you DON'T get. This will make it a little easier for us to avoid duplication, which can't be eliminated entirely due to the time lag of the mail copy we get. When you no longer buy it most of the time, we can revert to the practice of your telling us which issues you DO buy.

In both cases, please be sure to mention DATES only, unless there is some exceptional story where it's necessary to identify it by headline. Without the date, it's very difficult to find a story in our files, since it could be in any of several places at certain times.

On the WX Post and your expenses therefor, we appreciate your reluctance to keep accounts. It seems to us, however, that this is not merely a question of who is ahead of whom (not that you mean it that way) but one of avoiding any unnecessary expense to you in your particular circumstances. I'm sure you would feel the same way if our situations were reversed, and that you will understand our concern that our exchanges cost you the ~~absolute~~ absolute minimum possible.

Hinkle: I know very little about him, that he worked for the Chronicle before he took over Ramparts. After Ramparts he put out the ill-fated Scanlan's Magazine until it was clobbered because it ran a list of California narcotics officers and their home addresses. He writes with some style, and I have the impression he comes from a wealthy family, but that's just an impression. Will try to give you impressions of the ESquire thing as soon as we get it and read it.

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