

Indulging superstition, 13th good, "red letter" day.  
First wholesale bill WW IV mailed with 270 books to  
follow from Lesar. Copy for flyer (mail) completed;  
insulting offer \$500 from National Star for story based  
on book better than nothing if Harper's doesn't come  
through; and awaiting word from NYC TV show, thanks to  
initiative by Waldron. Even all clips to today's paper  
filed, if not unread. Now as soon as I get back to The  
Unimpeachment, which Harper's seemed to think interesting  
there will be a red alert interruption. But at least at  
long last there is this start. Even now, next-to-last  
of drunken ribbons... Hope your construction completed or  
going well. Mine I've had to abandon temporarily to get  
these things going. Meanwhile old faithful Bud has (I  
hope only temporarily) killed a good Playboy thing, the  
apparent reason being it will not plug him. We have to  
be close to a breaking on this. If Playboy foundation  
comes up with defense costs, the break will be easier.  
And we'll all be better off. Best, EW 11/13/74

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