Dear Hacole and Iil:
Tayy thenis to Zi I for her 3 fept. 18 early report on how the operation went. Perhars by now larole already is back at home. I hope to call tonorrow night for an upate. It's already too late tonirht, ant I nearly always don't remember the tine dinerential until too lato.

Ghing are rothex gancins upon me durinc, these lest weeks before leavins. on andition to the usual patient oare volunteem work for Hospice of liarin, there's a manling to be rot out tomorrow ant the usual chores aroum the office, plus a round of social events that I would not like to miss. An? of counge there are a number of things to do here at the house berore tating guch a lons trip involving three weeks away.

Amone the easiest is to arronce to have our one renainine cat, Sootyfoot, boarded While I'm rone. this alreary has beon done. Wrs. M. Cherie heiss, a larpe, emotional and very buxom lady with a passion for cats, has arreed to keep him. In pact he stands so hich in her esteem that she advised she would have been insulted if I had sought quarters elsewhere. She gave hin to us more than 13 years ago when he was a tiny kitten as a replacement for our Greatest of All Gats, one Tigen noodle, who had just died of kidney failure at the age of 18. She was convinced that Sobtyroot was Tigue reincarnated and had cravied into her sleopins bec on the lam that hot summer nipht when she hat just dreaned pgue had come to hor. mugmed out to have been the very day tigue had been put to sleep by the fot after listening to lozart's $39 t h$ symhony, his favorite, arter wo hed civen him a sedative here.
"I already knew, " she said when I called to tell her about Tigue. "had I have his replacement for you." Sooty has spent severol of our vacations with her since then, alvays sleeps with her, and gets alons fine with hor om cat pomation, which varies from one to two dozen in andtion to (uswally) a couple of monkeys, assorted dors, a deoporizen shmy and incidental raccoons, goats ane bobotis. Anyway, as you con roe, homo, heon fecions (the offictal ngame of the: teiss's pesomt) is about 25 miles ont in tho contry. It lookiag formare to delivering
Sooty to sucy a splonetr attor Sooty to suck a splonite altomative enviroment, whioh pramises to be even more intomentim thon unal wo to the recent acduisition of a large ane vony Garmion parrot, I'm tola.

Harold, I reel gute useless when it cones to heving any ideas about how your new book on the rine case himet be orsenized. I've been so out of touch with the mole riele that I have no basis for any real judgrent. All I could vonturo would be a cuess that if itis to be for popular consumption you'll have to male some very difficult choices, and Iet a lot slide in orcer to concentrate on a far or the rost telling lines of armment. Hit those hord, and porhaps others car be deelt with in subsequent volumes.

Aypray, con't wown about it. I feel sure that as you get your toeth into it the proper, natural wey to hamle it will becone clear to you, and that no one elsc could co that you will be able to do.
baise it vasy, bake your time, and let the story tell itself through you. Wou are the mponelleled meatu.

Best to you both,

