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Dear Bob:

I'm glad to hear about "Moses." One of Harper's top editors, a woman, married now to someone with a very distinctively European name although both are fairly old, is one of their top editorial staff. And because of her Northwest background handles the NW material, I've always understood and is very favorable because of her Northwest background. She's in the main office, too. So I'm hopeful it makes the grade. With what has gone into it, I know it's ok from that score and even the writing will be good.

My request for withdrawal books has gone through and you are on that list but with a tribal deal involved, I can only make it the one so I do hope you are getting the other on its merits and for another purpose. It will be out from Feb. 1-Feb. 5, and I am making out labels and putting them on envelopes and turn them over to the tribal office clerk for mailing so you might get two separate envelopes with a book in each.

Appreciate your help on the extra promotion sheets. I've sent one to the Crossroads, but didn't know of any special store in Wenatchee. If you know and can have Brown take care of that, it will be appreciated. And perhaps he would want to give one to the proper person in the Wenatchee Valley College library. The low price is why libraries, dealers etc. have to pay full price for single copies. It took a bit of figuring and working with the printers but the work will speak for itself (63,000 words!) And the shop does top work. There are lots of short cuts that have to be taken, thinner paper, although glazed surface, uniformity of cuts instead of jumping all around, etc. And to put it in hard cover would have cost from \$1.10 to \$1.50 a book alone. Even that that it could have been

put out for \$3.75 and would have been the same as a \$6.50 or \$8.00 book now days. However unless you know all the ropes, printers price you (and themselves right out of the market.) The place does top work too, even for magazines all over the coast, real superior color work etc. But they should, having "leased" our European presses etc. a few years ago, brand new equipment from England, Germany etc. So, if in the future you ever get into a smaller pamphlet type of publication, keep it in mind (and my mailing list too).

You will note the type is just a bit small (standard newspaper face) and few little things like that, but by adding just a bit more some of the worst defects, which might not be that, can be overcome.

By all means write me your reaction when you get a chance to skim through "Strangers." And again, I'll appreciate you contacting the Wenatchee book store or mailing one of the sheets to them, etc.

Again, the best of luck on "Moses." (Make enough on him so you can afford to have his plaque carried out in aluminum or bronze at about \$175 to \$225, if the PUD doesn't tie into him for their dam and they are still playing coy on that, being a PUD and I've been too busy on the writing to press it. Or maybe some group will want to put up a plaque or marker after "Moses" gets off the press. My professional fee would be very low. And in fact in time we can whack out a hydrastone one of him for about \$25, for your personal use.

Sincere regards

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