

29 June 1955

My Dear Hotson:

After much delay occasioned by illness I have gotten around to acknowledging receipt of your very nice note of 13 April and to thank you for your good wishes.

The illness, from which I am still convalescing at home, was a result of a coronary occlusion which struck me down on the very day (3 April) that formal announcement of the Folger award was made.

The manuscript was, as I told you, turned over to the New York office of CUP on 31 December 1954. I told you of the first very favorable reaction of Mr. Mansbridge and then his later rather unfavorable and ambiguous reaction -- both, of course, being before the Folger award was made. Therefore, after he once again had a favorable reaction the manuscript was accordingly sent by him to Cambridge. I should say that that occurred some time around the early part of April. Since then we have heard nothing, either from Cambridge or from New York. We hardly know what to make of this, except that CUP takes a long time to make up its collective mind.

You say in your note "... but I still feel that some other publisher might be more advantageous." We would be very glad to hear from you as soon as possible just what publisher or publishers you might have in mind. Frankly, I am getting a bit impatient with CUP.

In this connection should you have any inside bit of information which might have a bearing on the CUP reaction to our manuscript and which you feel you could tell us, we would be most appreciative.

Hoping you and Mrs. Hotson have a lovely summer and with our joint cordial greetings to you both, I am,

Sincerely,

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