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Stuart!

Gee what a handsome book, and the Noble Reb Gray really moves the heart. Very proud, very proud. What do you mean the blonde's gone? Now, with a shining, handsome new book is when I should cash in on the wimmens, hey? Get her back, for godsake. Quick. I'm definitely between wimmens.

Yeah come see me. Lemme know when the barrels of cash (exceeding \$1000) arrive. I want everything, pronto. Working on motorcycle article for Playboy now. They being good to me. I'll try to get the book around to movie types. Seems to read all right. I'll fight for the short end, though I know some will wonder, as you say about the masses re Tennis Handsome, which is going fine and my picture's in Time July 4th issue, so get it, and show it to the blonde and tell her it's all right if she gets worked about me and my dog. She can pet my dog, har. Or are we talking about a lady of class? That is, head in lap only after a few dinners and a movie. Har. Christ, I'm a terrible man.

Having the kids home with me, all of them, and it's been wonderful. They go back, the two smaller ones, to Tuscaloosa tomorrow, but I been a good pop and we caught many bream yesterday out of Sardis overflow. Young daughter caught thirteen big wallopings chubbies, look like big slabs of cheese coming out of the water, fine to see the little folks' eyes shine.

How you getting by? Lemme know. I especially like, let me tell you, the straight ahead patrician gray binding and the swell print. You do a beautiful book and I stand off and look at it, as do my friends, laden with envy, praise. I cherish, I cherish. Good to know you.

Reading Shelby's bit about Yanks' attempts and rebuffment at Shreveport. Shelby's still good, though he's not as good on the individual soldier as Catton, I fear, though finer with the Big Picture and the elegant prose. If I had time I'd write a book about how it really was, but what the hell, why blow an old man like Shelby out of the wter?

Come on over, sit in front of the air conditioner with me, watch Perry Mason.

You Bro,

Barry