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Dear Nell,

You may have already received the cartons of MOTHER AND CHILD which we sent. I am sorry that I did not write about them sooner. It may happen that, when the company is formally (and fairly painlessly) put into bacnkruptcy, someone will ask you to pay for these book, but I think that this is a risk that is worth running for a few hundred dollars, far better than thinking that the book might end in a big grinding machine. Let us cross one bridge at a time.

We have about 2000 pounds of OF NIGHT AND DAY, and will have them trucked to you sometime next week if that's all right. The occupy two skids or pallets, in about 50 cartons.

Out of the ashes of this small corporation have already come many good things and more are due. I hope that my admirable wife will fill in some of the blanks for you this coming weekend. I have been a reclusive for many years, now, and may just be coming to the point where I am wise enough to say: "There! You have turned whatever corner you needed to turn, out of Forming into Being, and you are now the person you were going to be and always will be. There is no more. Now GET GOING!"

I love my friends and want them to know it.

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