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Dear Peter,

Well... it took me a little less time to get around to thanking you than it did for you to get around to sending it; but it was worth the wait. Where did you find such a prize book? I've only skip-read here and there, but Mr. Holland seems to tell a good story, and it looks like his advice is still sound today. Too bad it was written before the introduction - or at least serious planting - of Chukars, because the Chukar is one of my favorite birds: makes great material for tales of frustration and Sisyphean endurance.

It would be neat to have some framable prints of the fine illustrations. Speaking of which: I've been getting a lot of compliments on the T.C. Cannon Indian poster you gave me.

The reason I enclosed the New West is ~~because~~ there's an article on page 69 that you have to read - it's hilarious, mouth-watering, instructive and sure to make you regret the passing of duck season.

Good news: Oregon lifted its ban on Stolichnaya, intended to ~~strip~~ ^{chastise} the Russians for invading Afghanistan - a noble gesture, I guess, but little more. They probably put the surplus into Soviet K-rations ~~with~~ (or tank fuel), & stepped up the war effort. HA HA HA HA HA HA

Well, thanks again. Call sometime, or write. (That's another good one.) But do read that article.

Love,
Bill