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Ms. Jean Whitehead
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McComb, Illinois 61455

Dear ~~Ms.~~ ^{Jean} Whitehead:

Thank you very much for writing, and for sending such interesting material. I enjoyed all of it thoroughly.

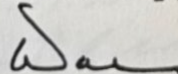
I also enjoyed my time in McComb. And I do hope that you will get to know John Simmons. He is a rare one -- talented, thoughtful, energetic. I know he will make a fine contribution to the community.

The book is just about finished. I hope it's written in the right spirit.

By the way, I encouraged John to get to know you. I felt very much supported by your participation in the discussions.

Let's keep in touch.

Sincerely,



Walter H. Capps
Acting Director

Sept 3, 1987

Dear Prof. Capps:

Hi! — I keep thinking about your lecture which you gave at WITZ last week! It was certainly provocative and I have heard such positive comments from many others in the Macomb community. I felt that it was certainly something that this conservative community needed and you did it so cleverly and with such good humor that no one could really take offense!

I am looking forward to getting to know your "protege" John Simmons. I'm sure that the Unitarian Universalists will be after him to speak for us.

The book I mentioned to you is, The Christ Coming: How the Kingdom of God Became Christianity by Thomas Sheehan, prof. of philosophy at Loyola. Also, have you crossed paths with M. Scott Peck, per chance? I'm interested in his ~~notion~~ notion that this nation is "sleep-walking; living a lie" and his suggestion of what the churches ought to be like in this situation. I love the fact that you love questions! One that intrigues me is, "What would a 'Chosen People' be like?"

Keep up the good work, please.
I will probably get a copy of your
book on Vietnam.

Best wishes & again, thank
you for visiting us.

Jean Whithead

P.S. I still may decide to
strangle Reagan - do you
suppose your wife would
like to help me??