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Drew! (as the late M. P. Zabel would have said),

How are you? I was glad to get your letter and the addresses of your friends who want Fidgets. I'm glad you liked the book so much. Or rather the article, since you haven't seen the book. Publication date is Sept. 5. I will have to ask my editor, Elizabeth Bartelme, about Martin Cross. It does seem likely that he had something to do with the Fidgets business. The contract offer came in July of 1965. I wish to hell I could come up and see you, but I don't have any money. And when I have the money, I probably will be collecting papers in some academic workshop. No idea yet where I'll be next (over) →

year, but I shall locate some job in July.
I could take a chance and hope to live on my
royalties next year, but if the book goes through,
then I'll be living on shellacks, like the
Kerry Recruit. Thus penny doth make coach of us
all. And of course Joddy Compton may choose to
escalate. My friend Jim Woodruff, who teaches the year
in Toronto, says that coming from Canadian papers to ours
or the Vietnam war is pretty surrealistic. By the way,
did you ever hear of the Anglo-Zanzibar war of 1898? Well, the
Sultan of Z. decided he didn't want to pay taxes to the Crown
any more. The war lasted for 20 minutes on a May afternoon, when
a British gunboat steamed in and shelled the Sultan's palace.
After this, the Sultan saw the justice of the British
claims. Give my warm regards to Ron and Dardige, and
tell them we shall meet someday.

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