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Dear Gene [Winegarten],

When you worked for the Detroit Free Press in Lansing, Michigan, I used to bring you sensitive documents from the state Department of Social Services. Remember? The attached "book" is an account of my shenanigans at the Department. You are mentioned on page 17. This trip down memory lane made me realize that those years were the most creative and productive of my life. Kinda sad. But I am doing well enough, and there is still time.

I read your column regularly and I enjoyed your book. I am not a hypochondriac, but I have relatives who are, and they enjoyed the book too.

Steve Harry