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"Grow or pay more for remaining the same."

1940s - 1950s

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✓ xerox
in copy (not HRC) of 9-23-59
Letter to David Dellinger, editor
of Liberation, in which NM
pulls his piece, "Language
Hip and Square," rather than
accept editorial, Pages 1, 2,
and 4 are appended, Page 3 missing

✓ * "Glossary of the Missing ^{Space}
2 xerox copies (not HRC),
circa 1959, containing nine
drawings of objects that
stand for censored words:
an icepick = phallus, e.g.

✓ xerox copy of one page (HRC)
typed, giving dates of
completion of first two
drafts of B.S.



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✓ *

~~in other~~
in other
packet

HRC essay of 11-page short
story, "Nostalgia." NM
wrote "LUzon, Jan-Feb
1945" at the end. Story
about conversation among
GIs

✓ *

Two sheets in pencil in
NM's hands. First is a
fill-in-the-blank "Fable"
"Once upon a time a (blank)"
Second is titled "Who am I?"
About 50 words beginning
"I am a smelly American;"
the underlined word was
intended to be a blank"



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1960s

*✓ Xerox of ^{hand-written} passages from opening of AON that were cut from final ms. Six pages, 1200 words.

*✓ Copy of one page depicting the alphabet with notations about what each letter is ^{basically} synonymous with or reminiscent: O = cunt; Q = fuck; J = tit.

*✓ Nine pages (5" x 5") of stationery of the Cambridge Arms Hotel, London, dated (approx) in 1965, and containing an outline of a lecture on various matters: Existentialism, Sexual Revolution, Mystery, Conservatism, Radicalism, Minority Groups. Brilliant notes



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1960S (Cont)
(not from HRC)

✓ Xerox copy of reversed
typescript of D.I., Apt.
in E.E. (1972)

✓ * Xerox copy (from HRC) of
"Cancer" which discusses
the idea that cancer comes
from "impotent emotion."

✓ * Xerox copy (from HRC)
of 2-page poem "The Big Bite"
(c. 1962)



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✓ "Poetry to Espionage" (1975)
xerox copy of 41 page typed
~~trans~~ lecture

✓ "Norman Mailer & Susan Mailer"
69-page copy of conversation
about psychology (1978)
coming later

✓ "Reflections on the Forces of
the Coming Revolution"
xerox of 21-page talk/
transcript of NM at
Wesleyan Univ. 5/14/70

* Galley sheets for "A"
Course in Film-Making
with NM's pencilled correcting
changes in almost every one
of the 21 pages. Published
in New American Review,
August 1971, pp. in Madstone
and E.E.

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✓ Carbon of typescript of NMS
thoughts on writing
speech at the 1976 Nat. Book Awards,
April 21, 1976. Rpt MR (2008)

✓* Xerox copy of 14-page
transcript of Mailer talking
to Melvyn Bragg on BBC
in Feb or March 1970. Rpt.
in part, small part, in Listened
Feb 4, 1977. (71.5) One page
(copy) in NMS hand.

✓ Xerox copy of fundraising
appeal for Assassination Outright
Bureau. Two page NMS forward.
Dated 10-7-77

✓ "Shoot the News-Hawk." xerox
of four-page typed speech to
a class of young journalists
Focus on fiction/nonfiction
differences/similarities



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✓ * Xerox of 3-page handwritten tribute to Nat Halper, P-Town friend who died in 1983, and ^{copy of} 3-page typescript.

* (1980) Xerox of intro to Stand This Book ^{soon to be a major motion picture} by Abbie Hoffman, ~~re~~ edited to ^{be} 1st part of Abbie Hoffman (1989)

"What's Wrong with America" (1982)

✓ Xerox of typescript of ideas on national service, retiring the young. (Reprinted in Mailer Review)

✓ * folder with collection of excerpts, notes concerning dread - from AAD, PP, PAP and Solotaroff's Down Mailer's Way. Manilla folder has one-page original in nm's hand with notes on dread. More on both sides of folder.



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1990s

~~xerox copy of both handwritten and typed copy of tribute to Olaf Palme, who was assassinated in 1996. Publication place unknown~~

~~handwritten xerox copy, and typewritten copy of three-page tribute to Nat Halper, NM's Provincetown friend who died in 1983~~

* xerox copy with hand-written edits of NM's preface to N. Mailer: Works and Days by JML and DPL, ~~written~~ written in March 1999.

* xerox copy of a draft letter to Carl Rollyson. NM gets into discussion of Lillian Hellman's claim he tried to rape her, as stated ~~in Rollyson's~~ by Hellman but then crossed it out.

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in Rollyson's
other



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Typescript (21 pp.) hand-edited
by NM. (This is original) of
"The Best Move Dies Closest
to the Worst." Pub., Esquire Oct, 1993

Two unpublished pieces
from late 90s, or early 2000s

"Homage to George W. Bush"
(poem)

"Blues for Buddy" (Pres.)
(Clinton's dog)



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✓ = unpublished
✱ = in his hand
hand-written 2000s
✓ ✱ a list of topics in On God i p.
✓ ✱ xerox copy of
"On Reading Poetry Magazine's 90th
Anniversary Issue" poem, 2 pp.
✓ ✱ ~~"Memo to the Democratic Party, or
Dreams No Money Can Buy"~~
✓ ✱ "Myth versus Hypothesis"
xerox copy of 2004 speech to
Nieman Fellows, with NM's
extensive edits. Partially reprinted
in The Big Empty.
✓ ✱ handwritten ^{NM} note detailing NM's
sensitivity about the NM Society
~~profits~~ profits on sales
earning to him
✱ xerox
copy of essay for The Times (London)
published as "We Want to War Just
to Boost the Male Ego," April 29,
2003. NM's edits in black and green
pen.



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Handedited by NM: Supplementary
pages of Harper Perennial
editions of AAD and NAD
(2006)

Original and edited (by NM)
versions of 2003 essay
"The White Man Unburdened"

Approx. 50 pages ^{hand} edited by
NM (and JMC in blue)
of drafts of On God (2000)

NM Short story, unpublished
(1915) "Nostalgia. Copy.
Original in HRC, Univ
of Texas

"The Book of the First-Born"
unpublished opening of ~~unpub~~
unwritten novel, c. 1969
Original in HRC, Univ. of Texas



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✓ NM's Provincetown: The Wild
West of the East (2005)

JML Essay on NM for ~~Oxford~~ Scribner's
Great American Writers
~~Encyclopedia of American Literature~~
(2003) - ~~2 copies, one in NM's hand~~

JML Essay on NM for Scribner's
Great Writers Series (2003)
edited by Jay Parnis

JML Interview with NM, 3-5-98
on TOOT. Extensive NM changes
made in late March/early April
1998. Raw transcript attached,
and page proof of published
interview in NE Review (Summer '99)

✓ Hand-Edited (by NM) typescript of
NM preface to Sinister Forces by
Peter Levenda (2005)

JML Essay (manuscript) on Mailer for Oxford
Encyclopedia of American Lit (2004)
with NM edits + questions