

MEMORANDUM

TO: Ken Follett
FROM: Merv Stauffer
DATE: December 10, 1982
RE: Jay Coburn's Comments of the Third Draft

Page 6, Paragraph #2

The sentence about oakleaf clusters should read "Oak Leaf Cluster to the Air Medal."

Page 7, Paragraph #2

Kristi was always quickest to overreact and make things out to be worse than they really were. This as opposed to scream and cry.

Page 15

Dialogue with Paul - "like the captain of the sinking ship." Paul would never say this out loud, even if he did think it to himself.

Page 94, Paragraph #3

Scott probably will not appreciate the nose-picking -- it would suffice to say typically filthy dirty little boy. *John to Coburn*

Page 94, Paragraph #4

Was actually talking to Lloyd Briggs and the advice from Ross was thorough but not merciless. I was not humiliated - just wrong and he let me know, firmly. *John to Coburn*
humiliated no story
tulken - other

Page 128, Paragraph #3

Not sure my kids will understand killing women and children the way this is worded. *John to Coburn*

Page 141, Last Paragraph

That's odd Ralph is saying this about clothing since Sculley and I got his sizes and purchased clothing and jacket for him just like others.

Added in the para.!
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Page 146

Ken missed the boat on the code -- we had letters for key words in advance. Then the alphabet was used only when we needed a sensitive word not thought of in advance.

Page 215 Paragraph #1

The Michelin Man coat was dark blue, not orange.

Page 227, Paragraph #5

Same as above -- blue, not orange.

Page 237, Paragraph Next to Last

A 50 rial tip is not much in Iran - 70¢ - 500 rials would be more appropriate -- this same mistake is made throughout later in story.

Page 249, Paragraph #4

I hardly think celebration is the appropriate word at this stage of things.

Page 273, Paragraph #4

The statement in parenthesis I think should read "He preferred it for the opposite reason" as opposed to same reason.

Page 300, Last Sentence

I never thought he was full of shit. ✓

Page 335, 3rd Sentence

The Expressway was the Shahanshan I believe, not stavanak.

Page 339, Last Paragraph

This makes it sound like these were all last minute thoughts. Since we had already decided on Turkish route days before, a lot of these things were in the works already, I believe. Sounds very unorganized.

Page 350, Long Paragraph

Don't believe Simons said to feel free to drink - just the opposite.

Page 360, 6th Line

It was not Vanak Circle - can't remember but will research and find out.

Page 364

Bull was the most skilled leader of small units I have ever met. Leave out the bit about not excluding Ross Perot.