4HFA 31 December 14, 1976 Hugh McMillan Jr Main Street Salisbury Ct 06068 Dear Hugh: The price for the soft hackles was \$10.00 per dozen. I am in position now to tie some for you. I never signed any copies of the book for the publisher. If you want yours signed, send it to me with return postage and I will be shitt to do ( Or order another copy and I will mail, pp at \$7.95. Thanks Sincerely yours, Sylvester Nemes

GHT.A31 December 30, 1976 Mr. Lew Jewett Leisure Time Products 3M Center, Building 223-5S Saint Paul, Minnesota 45101 Dear Lew: I was so excited about the rod, I forgot to ask you for a job! That's right. For about two months, I have been actively seeking regular employment after 18 years of free lancing as an industrial photographer. You can see from the enclosed resume that I have been a copywriter with some prestigous agencies. Most of my effort has been in that direction and I have had interviews in Chicago and Grand Rapids. It just occurred to me that I might be useful to a company such as yours; in advertising, PR, Marketing or whatever. You might think about this for a bit and let me know how and if I can benefit your company. Meanwhile. I have tried the rod; with a size 6 masterline, a WF6 King Eider silk and the King Eider #2 Dt4 or thereabouts. They all work, but the #2 seemed best balanced and easiest working with the rod. You people have done a marvelous job with this; new color, thin cork handle and gorgeous windings (if they are, actually, windings). A very unique ferrule, as well. So thanks again for the rod and for any consideration of the above and A Happy Fishing Year. Sincerleyyourse, Syl Nemes

4FKA31 December 30, 1976 Lawrence Kush 127 Edward Street Buffalo, N.Y. 14201 Dear Lawrence: Enclosed are 6 Tups and 6 Puple and snipe in size 16 and one dozen mixed migrating rainbow flies. I tied the last ones on size 8, because this is the size I use on the Madison in the fall for migrating fish. If they are too large for your likeing please let me know. I have included some extra small flies you might like to try. You may consider this a late christmas present. Thanks much for the order and good luck. Sincerely yours, Sylvester Nemes

November 23, 1976 George Yrshus 68 Berlant Avenue Linden, New Jersey, 47036 Dear George: It was gratifying to hear that the shf had done well for you, and I hope this new batch does even better. Most of the flies are in size 12, but I have included three in 16. And one extra. I would like to hear more from you about the success of these flies next spring. Thanks. Sincerely yours, Sylvester Nemes

November 15, 1976 John Miller 224 Lincoln Street Newton Hlds, Mass 02161 Dear John: To oblige; many readers of the SHF, I have been selling some flies to anglers for \$10.00 per dozen. I have some tying time now and would be glad to sell some to you. Please send a check or money order for the quantity you want. Also list patterns and sizes. Thanks for the compliment on the book. Sincerely yours, Sylvester Nemes.

November 23, 1976 George N. Marcus 174 Waverly Road Scarsdale, N. Y. 10583 Dear George: Enclosed you will find the dozen soft hackles as per your order. Thanks very much for it and good luck with the If you do anything sensational with them, please let me know. Sylvesty yours, Sylvester Nemes

November 15, 1976 George N. Marcus 174 Waverly Road Scrasdale, N. Y. 10583 Dear George: To oblige many readers of the SHF, I have been selling some flies to anglers for \$10.00 per dozen. I have some tying time now and would be glad to sell some to you. Please send a check or money order for the quantity you want. Also list patterns and sizes. Sincerely yours, Sylvester Nemes

November 15, 1976 Philip Vironda 612 Security National Bank Battle Creek, Michigan 49014 Dear Phil: I have finally got around to tying those soft hackles for your. They are included here, 14 of the whole series in size 12 and 6 extra in the most popular colors for steelhead. I wont bother to write you an invoice, but the amount is \$16.00. Please send that when you can. We enjoyed meeting you at the conclave. We are going to a TU meeting here Wednsday and I will put on my little slide show. I fished the Muskegon on the way home without much luck. There were too many snaggers. I will be on the St. Joe, this saturday or sunday or both. I have a different idea on how to try to catch those fish still using a fly. The difference is with a little spinner in front. This may not be fly fishing, but it's better than spawn fishings Well good luck with the soft hackles. If you have any questions in tying, please let me know. Sincerely, Syl

May 13, 1976 Glenn Gammon 2764 Bellwood Avenue Columbus, Ohio 43209 Dear Glen: Enclosed are two sets of 14 each of the SHF you ordered. I didn't know what size you wanted so I tied up one set in 12's and the other in 10's. Regarding snipe and starling feathers, I don't believe you can get snipe any more, commercially, but Hille still handles starling. Yuccan substitute starling for snipe or use waterhen or coot if you can get these. I dont recommend Mustad for these flies, but if you must, use their 94840 which is one of the nicest hooks they make. Their sproat and limericks are too coarse and poorly made. I recommend you get a catalog from Veniards in England and purchase their sproat hooks. All of the flies in this order are tied on these hooks. Thanks much for the order and good luck with the flies. Sincerely yours, Sylvester Nemes

SHEASI March 22, 1976 John A. Oakes 1508 Chapel Ct Northbrook, Ill 60062 Dear John: Here are the 12 SHF. The nks for the check and thanks for the phone call. I hope you have as good luck with the flies as I do. Sincerely yours, Sylvestef Nemes

March 22, 1976 J. V. Rizzo Box 541 RD 9 Greensburg, Ba. 15601 Dear Mr. Rizzo: Enclosed you will find 12 shf as per your order. I hope the flies perfor well for you and thanks for the order. Sincerely yours, Sylvester Nemes

April 16, 1976 William L. Hood, Jr 2628 N. Burling Street Chicago, Ill 60614 Dear william: Here are the 12 shf in the sizes and patterns you asked for. Thanks for the order and good luck with the flies. Sincerely yours, Sylvester Nemes

April 26, 1976 Edward M. Cullen 2790 Rumsey Drive Riverside, Calif Dear Edward: Enclosed you will find two dozen soft-hackles as per your order. I never heard of anyone tryigg soft hackle flies for atlantic salmon, so I tied these on 6 and 8, and added gold ribbing. I have used these flies for steelhead and have taken fish on them, and I have friends who have been experimenting with them on steelhead. I have also included one extra hackle-only fly, which I'm experimenting with this year. I would like to know how it works and how the larger flies produce during your atlantic salmon fishing. Please drop me a line to that effect. And good luck with the shf. Sincerely yours, Sylvester Nemes

April 16, 1976 Bernard L. Miller 927 Cornell Wilmette, Ill 60091 Dear Bernard: Enclosed is one dozen shf in mixed patterns and sizes. Thanks for the order and good luck with the flies. If you ever have need of photography in your business, please call on me. Sincerely yours, Sylvester Nemes

April 16, 1976 George E. Faber 53 W. Jackson Boulevard Chicago, Ill 60604 Dear George: Here are the 12 shf in the sizes and patterns you asked for. Thanks for the order and good luck with the flies. Sincerely yours, Sylvester Nemes

January 22, 1976

Mr. James P. Martineau 1929 Kenwood Parkway Minneapolis, Mn. 55405

Dear James:

Enclosed find 12 shf, in tens and twelves.

Thanks for the order and good luck with the flies.

Sincerely yours,

Sylvester Nemes

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January 22, 1976 Roy B. Williams 258 Sixtheenth Street Santa Monica, Ca 90402 Dear Roy: Enclosed find 12 shf in 12s and 14s as you requested. Thanks for the order and good luck with the flies. Sincerely yours, Sylvester Nemes

January 28, 1976 Thomas W. Laide 103-00 Shorefront Pkwy Rockaway Park N. Y. 11694 Dear TomP Enclosed you will find 12 shf in sizes 10, 12 and 14. Thankyou for the order and good luck with the flies. Sincerely yours, . Sylvester Nemes

January 30, 1976 Roger Drenga PO Box 183 Moodus Conn 06469 Dear Roger: Thanks for your letter. There are 14 patterns in the soft hackled fly series as written about in the article in Last August FFF, and as portrayed in my book, "The Soft Hackled Fly". I tie these in 8, 10, 12 and 14. You can order a dozen of any pattern and size or let me send you a dozen in mixed sixes and patterns. Sincerely yours, Sylvester Nemes Ps. Here is partridge and orange in size 10

9431 January 24, 1976 Michael Levy 451 N. Oakhurst Dr Beverly Hills, Calif 90210 Dear Michael: Enxlosed find 12 SHF. Thanks for the order and good luck with the flies. Sincerely yours, Sylvester Nemes

January 24, 1976 Edward Kleinbard 111 Bark Street, Apt 3U New Haven Ct. 06511 Dear Ed: Enclosed find 12 SHE Thanks for the order and good luck with the flies. Sincerely yours, Sylvester Nemes

January 22, 1976 Harold D. Tuttle PO Box 689 Golden, Colo 80401 Dear Harold: I remember the beer and the comfort and the good friendship of your selfs and the van. And I'm glad you bought copies of the SHF. I would, indeed, be very happy to autograph the books. Just send them and I will be happy. I returned to WY in October for 5 days of fishing the migratory browns and rainbows. I took 20 between 16 and 10 and 1/2 inches in that time with soft hackles on size 8. I had never tied the fly that big before, but it worked and now there is a move to use the flies in even larger sizes for steelhead. The books seems to be doing quite well but I don't think it will make me a millionaire. I have had tremendous fan mail however, and this makes me feel real good. Enclosed is a sample of the shf on a "large" size 8. Sincerely Syl Nemes

January 31, 1976 G. M. Miller 50 Westcliff Dr West Seneca, Ny, 14224 Dear Miller: Enclosed find 12 shf in patterns you ordered. Thanks very much and good luck with them on the Firehole and other streams. Sincerely yours, Sylvester Nemes

February 5, 1976 3H831 Ed Horn 3919 Henry Avenue Philadelphia, Pa 19129 Dear Ed: Enclosed you will find one dozen soft hackled flies in 10 and 12 and one 14. Thanks for the order and good luck with the flies. Sincerely yours, Sylvester Nemes

January 5, 1976 Martin H. Bauman 95 Montgomery Dr Suite 206 Santa Rosa, Calif 95404 Dear Martin: Enclosed you will find 12 shf in 12 and 14 as you requested. Thanks for the encouraging note on your own use of a shf. I'm sure you will find these very satisfying. Sincerely yours, Sylvester Nemes

January 29, 1976 Edward D. Hollander 2305 Chain Bridge, N. W. Washington, D. C. 20016 Dear Ed: Enclosed find 12 shf in mixenapatterns and sizes. Thanks for the order and good luck with the flies. Sincerd y yours, Sylvester Nemes

February 7, 1976

Karl Gebhart PO Box 582 Smyrna, Del 19977

Dear Karl:

Englosed you will find one dozen shf.

These are in 12 and 14 and I think they would be more suitable than 10 or 8 for the water you mention.

Please let me know how they work out for you, and good luck with them.

Sincerely yours,

Sylvester Nemes

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February 7, 1976

Roger Drenga PO Box 183 Moodus, Conn 06469

Dear Roger:

Enclosed find 12 shf as per your order.

Thanks very much and good luck with the flies.

Sincerely yours,

Sylvester Nemes

February 7, 1976 Mr. Al Hodel 125 Howard Street Waverly, N. Y. 14892 Dear Al: Enclosed you will find 12 shf in different patterns and sizes. Thanks for the order and good luck with the flies. Sincerely yours, Sylvester Nemes

August 8, 1976

Hugh McMillan Jr Main Street Salisbury, Connecticut 06068

Dear Hugh:

Enclosed you will find a mixed dozen soft backles as per your order.

Thanks for the purchase and good luck with the flies.

Sincerely yours,

Sylvester Nemes

July 7, 1976 Edward Connelly 2321 Lexington Avenue Ashland, Ky 41101 Dear Edward: Here are the two dozen shf. I'm sorry ittook so long to get them hereu, and I'm sorry you had to call. I was happy to find out, however, that you were going to fish these in Montana. I have included six of the flies in size 8, which work very well for me on larger fish on the Madison in the fall. Good luck with them all. Sincerely yours, Syl Nemes

August 13, 1976 J. O. Searer Apt 3003 1960 N. Lincoln Park W. Chicago, Ill 60614 Dear J: Enclosed are the two dozen shf, including 6 flies tied on size 8's which was the size I used last fall on the Madison with such good success. Regarding the possibility of my guiding you for a day or so, I would suggest that you try to make it early in October. The reason for this is that if I dont have many persons signed up for the latter part of October, I may come home earlier than anticipated. I know that Pat Barnes has some dates for me, and that I have a couple with other persons, but my staying on will depend on the amount of husiness signed up. And thanks for the phone call that the enthusiasm you showed on the book. Sincerely yours, Syl Nemes

4H3 August 10, 1976 L. B. Murrell Box 13091 Spokane, Wa 99213 Dear L .: Enclosed you will find one dozen SHF as per your order. I want to thank you for the purchase and wish you good luck with the flies. Sincerely yours, Syl Nemes

att 31 Sept 10, 19 76 Robert Dickinson Other Place 947 E. Thousand Oaks Blvd Thousand Oaks, Ca 91360 Dear Robert: Enclosed is one dozen soft hackles. I dont have a catalog toffer you. Good luck with the flies and thanks for the order. Sincerely yours, Syl Nemes

444431 August 8, 1976 Hal Lewiss II 737 N. Lincoln Ave Scranton, Pa 18504 Dear Hal: You can substitute starling hackles for the jackdaw. Snipe wings are still available from Buz's, 805 W. Tulare Ave, Visalia, Calif 93277. These are in short supply, too, and if you cant get them substitue moorhean or coot feathers from the leading edges of the wings. Thanks for the compliment on the book. Here are a few snipe hackles tyo hold you by until you get more. Sincerely yours, Syl Nemes

44631 August 8, 1976 George Moore 215 E 5th Avenue Plainfield, New Jersey 07060 Dear George: Enclosed you will find 4 dozen of partridge and orange, in sizes 10, 12, 14 and 16, as you ordered in your letter. I want to thank you for the purchase and wish you good luck with the flies. Sincerely yours, Sylvester Nemes

44F/P31 August 23, 1976 Jim Stone 183 Mountain Ave Malden, Mass 02148 Dear Jim: Enclosed you will find one dozen shf. I hope you have good luck with the flies and I want to thank you for the order. Sincerely yours, Syl Nemes

4HFA31 January 13, 1976 Mr. Joseph Skieresz 200 Anderson Place Buffalo, New York 14222 Dear Joseph: Enclosed please find the 14 soft hackled flies as they were in my book. This qis also to verify that I have tied the flies. (I would like to get my kids to do it, but they seem to be too busy skiing, etc.) The flies are tied on Veniard sproat hooks, size 10. Top row, left to right, Partridge and orange, Grouse and orange, Partridge and orange and thorax, Partridge and yellow, Partridge and yellow and thorax, Tups, Partridge and green, Partridge and green and thorax, Pheasant tail, Snipe and gellow, March brown spider, Starling and herl, Blue dun nymph, Snipe and yearple, Good luck with them and thanks for the order. Sincerely yours, Sylvester Nemes

January 12, 1976 Mr. Leonard Lee Bryer ll Styvesant Oval Apærtment 9F New York, N.Y. 10009 Dear Leonard: Enclosed you will find a dozen SHF tied by myself. Thanks very much for the order and I hope you will have as much fishing fun with them as I do. Sincerely your;s, Sylvester Nemes

One dozen SHIB! January 7, 1976 Mr. Watkins F. John Forty Manor Avenue Cranford, New Jersey 07016 Dear Mr. John: Enclosed are a dozen mixed shoft hackles in sizes and patterns. I was grateful for your letter. I did know of the Mad but I never got to it. Thanks for the order and good luck with the flies. Sincerely your;s, Sylvester Nemes

March 22, 1976 J. Barry Lloyd Hillside Almondbury Common Huddersfield, Yorks, HD4 6sN. England Dear Barry L The publisher of the book is now making arrangements in England to have the book published there. In the meantime, however, I could send you an autographed copy for about 4 pounds at the current rate. There are only two copies of the book in England that I know of. I fished salmon in Scotland in 1973 and met two very nice chaps there, and sent them each a copy. I want to thank you very much for wri; ting the letter. Things like that make for a great deal of free publicity. Some people on this side accused me of writing the letter myself. The nerve. You werent too far wrong in your letter about snitching your girls. ' I married one when I was there in WW 2. We just celebrated our 31st wedding a couple of days ago. We courted on the banks of the Test when I was a guest of the Leckford Club during those years. I would like to see some of your local shf. And so that you might know what these flies look like insitu, I have included a bouple below. There is a move here now, to use these flies in 6 and 8 and even 4 for large steelhead fishing. I raised a 4 or 5 pounder last December and have talked with other anglers who have done better. If you fish salmon, you might try some in larger sizes. Again, thanks for the letter to FFM and to me. Sincerely yours, Sylvester Nemes

January 21, 1976 George A. Delatush 169 Tequesta Drive Tequesta, Fla 33458 Dear George: Here is the "shadow bbx" with the mounted SHF. I hope you like it and that it has arrived in good shape. The money back offer still goes and if you don't like it well enough, return it whenever you want. Your little "ps." regarding the shf on Henry's Fork can be answered with the quiteving quote from a letter from Ed Rice. Last August, I introduced Ed to the shf on the Madison and the Firehole. He is the promoter of International Anglers Exposition to be held in Portland. during the last of February. "However, the most memorable was the morning I spent with you and your lovely wife, and being introduced to the soft hackled fly and the proper way to fish it. I took a 22" rainbow on the Henry's Fork on the vellow bodied pink hackle, (tups) and then lost it on an even bigger fish. Thanks again for adding a deadly, as welllas very enjoyable, addition to my trout fishing arsenal." Ed was so excited over these flies that he offered me a free booth (\$175. value) at his upcoming exposition. I am dickering with the publisher now to see if we might make it. I will definitely be in WY during the first couple of weeks of October this year and hope to meet you during that time. I know Bud quite well and Pat Barnes, too. Sincerely yours, Syl Nemes

GHFA July 30 August 7, 1976 Jim Hynes 1320 Monterey St Redlands, Calif 92373 Dear Jim: I was in Yellowstone for 6 days from July 3 to the 9th. The fishing, all in all, even with the soft hackled fly was not sensational. We camped at Madison Junction and as soon as we were able was up on the firehole. The time was the worst of the day, about two or three in the afternoon. There were no rises, but even so I took two fish about 10 inches long and had one on that was 13 or 14 inches. This was my favorite riffle on the firehole, but it was the worst I had ever seen infor the soft hackie. The next evening I fished the same water and took several fish which are average in that water, 10-13 inches. The vening after that I went up above the nex perce and had a very good time just before dark. This is a vairly slow, long pool, quite deep. There was a caddis hatch on and fish were showing all over the pool. A young friend of mine who never fly fishind in his life took one 11 or 12 inch fish in that pool with the soft hackle, and I had on several and took most of them. The barn holes on the Madison were not very productive, but I did take a couple whitefish and one brown about 14 inches. I also fished duck creek one evening and took one brook about 10 or 11 with the soft hackle and an 18 and 1/2 brown with a pheasant hopper, but I think I could have taken that fish with a fairly dry soft hackle. I see nothing drastically wrong with your soft hackles. I do tie the tups with more yellow and with a blue dun dyed partridge hackle now, however. The flies seem a bit overhackled, and I am included a couple of my own inleuding the tups. (There are a 1/2 dozen and if you want them send me a check for \$5., or return them after you have studied them.) One other observation should be ind uded here. I am writing a second book, American Angling Personalties, which features bigorgrapical essays of writers, guides and tiers. I interviewed

April 3, 1976 Jim Maxwell Grizzly Fishing Tackle PO Box 649 Vancouver, Wash 98660 Dear Jim: During our meetings in Vancouver recently you asked me to send you one of these frames with the 14 soft hackled flies in the book. Enclosed you will find it. The price was \$30.00. I have had a couple of autograph parties and was a guest speaker at a fly fishing club on the Pere Marquette in Michigan. I have been steelhead fishing, too, without any results. I enjoyed meeting you and fishing with you and please thank your lovely partner for the dinner. If you are by this way, please call or stop in. Sincerely yours,

Sylvester Nemes

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May 13, 1976

Glenn Gammon 2764 Bellwood Avenue Columbus, Ohio 43209

Dear Glen:

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Thanks much for the order and good luck with the flies.

Sincerely yours,

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Sylvester Nemes Apt 1604, 400 E. Randolph Chicago, Ill 60601

October 11, 1979

Lefty Kreh 219 Wickersham Way Cockeysville, Maryland 21030

Dear Lefty:

I talked and fished with Charlie Brooks in West Yellowstone a week ago.

We were talking about author/publisher relationships and the veracity of publisher accountings of royalties. Charlie mentioned that you found a solution to this problem through a lawyer and power of attorney, and discovered a large number of sales of your book, which had previously gone unnoticed.

I am having a similar problem with Chatham Press in Connecticut, who published the Soft Hackled Fly. In fact, it is difficult to obtain what little money they say they owe me.

I am thinking of using a similar action. Can you tell me how you did it? Any information which might help me in this matter will be appreciated.

By the way, I took 33 browns and rainbows from 16 to 20 inches during 16 fishing days...all on the soft hackle. The weather was glorious, too.

Yours truly,

Sylvester Nemes

January 10, 1974 Mr. Dominick Abel VP Henry Regency Company 114 W Illinois Street Chicago, Ill 60610 Dear Mr. Abel: Would you like to see a manuscript and photography on trout fly fishing called, "The Soft Hackled Fly"? As the title suggest, the book deals with an ancient, but not too popular in America, class of artificial, wingless, sub-aqueous flies, the hackles of which come from birds such as partridge, woodcock, grouse, snipe and starling. I have used the flies almost exclusively for more than 15 years on some of the most famous trout waters of this country and have had outstanding successwwith them. The photography is complete and includes transparencies of the 14 flies featured in the book, soft hackles and a series of macro color shots made of the flies in running water. A black and white series shows the reader how to tie the flies, step by step. Don Zahner, editor and publisher of Fly Fisherman magazine will furnish a preface, which, because of his fame in the field, will help in the sale of the book. The book is quite short, just 100 double spaced typewritten pages, not counting the photography. The manuscript might be considered controversial. I would like to get quick action on it and if youre thinking of publishing a book in this field this year, I would like you to take a look at it. Sincerely yours, Sylvester Nemes