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	Printing of what he calls a "pilot" edition, direct from corrected galleys, soft cover binding, fair paper. Normally this pilot edition is in about 100 copies, but in the case of a book like this, at least 500 and perhaps 1000 would be run off and distributed quite widely and passed on from one person to another.
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