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Dr. Percy Foreman  
South Coast Bldg.  
Houston, Texas.

Dear Dr. Foreman,

The redolent first-anniversary rights by Percy ("Doctor-Don-Jarvis") Foreman reached me promptly Thursday evening, while I attended you at the station of 4884-74 in New York. It was true dedication to fly all the way from Houston to New York for this purpose, but I would have appreciated it as much more had you not delivered it through an intermediary because, as you know, I was there. And I would, indeed, have welcomed the opportunity to express myself to your face.

As it reached me, this message was, approximately, "Bill Weisberg that if he knows what is good for him he'll stay out of my way." If this is what you said, obviously, as you see it, I do not know what is good for me. If it is not what you said, perhaps you might care to arrange for personal delivery of your message in another studio, perhaps even in Houston?

Sometimes my mind turns to the inconceivable, as in this case, when, with no doubt unaccounted suspicions, it suggested that you had not read the book until you were on the plane. Until I thought you were in make-up, which my own work indicates you really do not need, I was not aware that you were returning to Texas after what would seem to be the shortest from-Houston trip on record. I regretted this for many reasons. One is that most men, including me, prefer to deliver such messages in a manly manner. (I was, for example, somewhat disappointed when, three years ago, I appeared, also by pre-arrangement, at the same station, intending to confront not fewer than four former Texas Co. directors lawyers, only to find it like Arthur Weisberg's Suptank.) Another is that subsequent to completing the book I had obtained a fairly imposing stack of court records, depositions and decisions. I'm sure you would have enjoyed hearing again of Blackburn Shapiro and that so troubling Blackburn decision, as I might have relished refreshing your recollection, had it seemed appropriate. (Having had trouble myself, although it does not any prevent me, even though my book has no doubt refreshed your recollection about some of the cast of characters in the King/Roy case, I think that (and my other) audience could have enjoyed your earlier descriptions, especially of the major ones.)

There are two things that should be clear to you. When I was asked to do the show, it was first agreed that I'd just tell the story of the book, to be followed by my confrontation that might be arranged. When the format was changed, I did agree to the confrontation and I was informed that you had agreed and that you had a copy of the book. That a confrontation has been agreed to is clear in the WHF release, which begins, "A controversial confrontation takes shape..." and I did write you, personally, on March 16, 1969, certified receipt No. 314667, setting forth my beliefs, the fact that I was writing a book, and asking you questions. You never answered...Arthur Weiss referred to a big wind from Texas. I was left with the impression of broken wind.

Sincerely,

Harold Weisberg.