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Dear Sylvia,

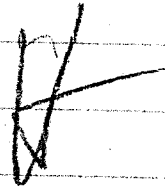
Thanks for the Rankin clip and the excessive complement, which I do appreciate. Wish I could consider it "dazzling". As you can gather from some of the things I have sent, including the letter to Mary, I am aware of some mistakes, and some were deliberate judgements. One, for example, is the close of the second show. I had it thought out by Bandy's interruption took the time I needed for the last and summary sentence. I should have abandoned what I was saying, anticipating he would cut me off.

I've taped a TV news item for "Black News" in DC and about 1/2 hour of radio, both for airing this weekend. In the one store I was able to check today, the entirely unknown and unpublicized book is selling well!

I have a meeting with a black Congressman Monday. Fingers croosed. He has been afraid for about 2 years, but is also interested.

This is but one sign of a slight breaking of the black ice. There are a few others, all minor, but some encouragement.

Thanks,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be a stylized 'W' or similar initials, located below the 'Thanks,' text.