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Dear Friends,

I have not seen, but I have heard of Fred Cook's Saturday Review review. Or dinarily, some of you would copy this and send it to me. I write because I expect some free copies from one who can make them without personal cost, so this appreciated kindness will not be necessary.

The remote possibility that I will overcome some of the other standard obstacles remains a possibility. A wife service has assigned the book to a reporters (DJ) and a TV net has. I am to confer with the latter reporter Thursday, in person or by phone. I would encourage you not to assume that the assignment of the book as the basis of the story does not mean there will be a story, I delivered the books in the hope it would have this meaning, but we have long experience upon which to draw.

At another TV net, the executive news producer asked me to deliver a copy to the Washington producer, and this also I have done. Opinion:ditto.

Meanwhile, I have several reasons for hope that what I call "black abdication" in FRAMES-UP may be coming to an end. Several minor functionaries are turned on, and on this subject, and a major leader, with whom I had a two-hour meeting yesterday and am to have another this week was very encouraging and willing to face this issue and, to my surprise, agreed with me.

The possibility of more of this also exists.

Sincerely,

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