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Dear Bill,

Given Cooper's attitude toward books, it is not impossible that a staffer latched onto Whitewash and that Cooper never saw it. ^{But} I am surprised that with the intensity of the controversy not long after it went into general distribution and more, when Garrison started up, Cooper was not concerned about his own ~~and~~ name and reputation. Had he been he'd have had files. Or, he once had files and they are not now there, I think.

On the taping, the greater chance is that I'll tire later and that adrenalin will keep me going. But unless there is some magic, we should start fairly early and end so I can be abed by 7. I was up before midnight last night and then had a short nap and I've been working since before 1 a.m. Not atypical.

Glad you and Wrone are in touch. He is the best! Ditto for McKnight. If neither tells you, sometime I have a tendency to ramble, being reminded by something I recall.

I think I'll recall enough about Harlan and about the trial and its end. If I did not tell you, I also have the hearings, bound $3\frac{1}{4}$ volumes together.

Contract on America, as I'm surprised you did not notice, has almost nothing at all on the assassination and nothing to really connect the mafia to it. Ditto for Davis tinniff. In Mafia Kingfish.

Whatever there is to Nagell's story, there is nothing credible to connect him with the assassination and his pretense of it ~~is~~ violates all tradecraft and can't be believed. I soon laid the book aside. I was never interested in him and never believed what he was reported as having said. Russell's interest may have been generated by Popkin's 1975 piece but I'd be surprised if he had not heard about Nagell much sooner.

If I did not tell Betsy, she may be interested in knowing that I have a chapter titled, "If It Isn't Written Down It wasn't Done."

Wrone has about a dozen more to retype. Meantime, I've started another book.

You can figure pretty much as you'd like on the interview. I'll probably enjoy it because when I am reminded of those dim days of the past I usually do enjoy it.

Probably the best and the most convenient motel is the Red Horse. It is a little less than 10 minutes away. Our favorite eating place is about twice that from here. Oriental, and the couple who have it have become friends. The Red ^{Horse} ~~Horse~~ had a coffee shop inside and a restaurant next door.

We look forward to your visit. Hope the coming year is good for all of us.

Sincerely,



Harold Weisberg