

Dear Bill,

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Some of the other side may interest you. I write in haste just before a ~~dentist~~ dental appointment because I have run into what can be a serious problem with the publisher. He has extended an agreement to publish excerpts from the Whitewash series into what amounts to stealing the name and publishing a book of selections as Whitewash. As soon as I learned this last week I wrote and said that could not be, violated the agreement and then I wrote again Saturday when I sent back some corrected proofs. I then asked for prompt assurance that the agreement would not be violated and I got no call yesterday or to 10 this a.m. I have written letters again and I've also written a retired lawyer friend in New York to see if he can file or get filed a TRO or injunction. If he cannot do you know a dependable New York lawyer? I do not believe that Carroll & Graf do business in Maryland. It is also bad because through a friend I have felt I could deal with on a basis of trust I also have his agreement to publish the two new books and a couple of weeks ago he said he would copublish with them. I guess all publishers are crooks and I've learned that contracts with them mean nothing. It remains to be seen how they react to the straightforward notification I'll be mailing this afternoon, ~~REPLY~~ Priority Mail with the remaining proofs and ^{how} my friend reacts to the separate letter I've written him that I'll mail at the same time. Carroll & Graf made a pot from Harry Livingstone's two very bad books and have just brought out his even worse Killing the Truth in which he goes after all others and has some nasty stuff about me. I was told about some of that and wrote my friend, who is their lawyer, at some length about that Sunday morning. He may have that letter today. It is beyond normal belief that publishers would be concerned only with the possibilities of libel in publishing such evil and defamatory material about people, without any concern for the harm. For money only, without ~~any~~ ~~even~~ even regard for their own reputations. I do not recommend buying the book and I may not. I am to get xeroxes of all mentions of me today, proposed by the friend who phoned me Saturday night. I can send copies and if you'd like of the letter I wrote to my friend. He recused himself from the libel reading because of our friendship. If I write further when I read what I'm sent I'll also have copies of that if you'd then like it. There is nothing at all bad that is also true about my past but it can be distorted and misrepresented and that is what happened. I'd already written about these things, truthfully, in the book I'd laid aside for the Posner work, as part of an explanation of life's experiences being learning experiences. And that in the sense of how I was prepared to do ~~what~~ ^{what} I've done when that is not taught in colleges. More later, best to both,

Harold