

Thurs. 4-1-73

Dear Mr. + Mrs. Weisberg,

I'm sorry I've been so long in getting this second order to you. It is not at all what I had intended. But then the best laid plans of mice and men etc....

First of all, let me thank you so very much for giving me "Whitewash II" at no cost. I am extremely grateful to you both. My delay in thanking you was hampered by a series of crises. Shortly after receiving your two books, I began experiencing more physical ailments which all but kept me bedridden. In the middle of all this I had to have my 14 1/2 year old "baby" girl dog put to sleep. She was discovered cancer and her age with an already built-in low immune system made operating out of the question. I was devastated. Not only did my blood pressure go into the stratosphere, but my doctor had to put me on lithium. I know you both will understand my grief, because in reading your brief biography on the back cover of the first "Whitewash", I discovered you also have a great love for our animal friends. As for that biography, I am very glad I never read it until after that first day I called you. If I had known how famous

3. Please take care of yourself and I hope
will find you in as well a condition as
able.

Lovingly and gratefully yours,
Cynthia A. Wilson

2. I never would
and influential you were, I never would
have had the nerve to call you. Please under-
stand my ignorance of you by realizing Earl
Barber occurred the day before my 7th birth-
day. One of such an age is not usually in-
fluenced or even aware of politics or the
world in general, beyond their home with
the safe little radio and the way to school, in
a very little town (not even on the map in
those days) in New Jersey.

One more point in reference to
"whitewash" came up in the preface. You
referred to this "limited, but copyrighted legis-
lation" as being "the least desirable of possi-
ble forms." For you, as the slave who helped
the digging, and you run. wisely, who helped
to sort, keep in order and finally type this
work, perhaps that is a just emotion. But to
one such as myself, (whose sanity you saved)
it represents the most precious labor of
love anyone could have bestowed upon me.
I know you spoke of having to keep my
responses you make as brief as possible. In
keeping with that requirement, I ask only
that you please attempt to understand you posi-
tion and do not wish to encroach upon or
abuse the kindness and warmth with which
you have reached out to me.