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Dear Mrs. Castellano,

Because Bill did a wonderfully kind thing and phoned me last night I know your husband is getting along and will soon be home. Else I'd maintain my silence, for you've had too much trouble to be intruded upon. I do hope he gets along well, better than others not as nice but more famous have under similar difficulties.

Because you have had enough unpleasant news, I'll tell you only the good. My sequel is almost complete in rough draft, but I'm not advertising it because there has already been plagiarism. I am hopeful of a different publisher attitude and, as a matter of fact, already have an offer from a very small publisher who has seen nothing but WHITEWASH!

If it now imposes no burden on you, can you please send those few things you were going to? If it is any kind of a problem, forget it. I'm most interested in the fullest Willis 5 and 3.

I told Bill I'd welcome any comment you out there could make. I hope to have a carbon to spare. If you have enough interest and the cost isn't too great, perhaps you'd like to Xerox a couple of copies, one for each of you, which I'd bill back as soon as I noted any suggestions you might make. I am going to try and hurry with this because I think there are many ideas not at all good getting widespread attention now. I've discussed this with Bill.

Metromedia, which I believe owns LA's Channel 11, has done a "special" as a consequence of my appearance on the Burke show, which seems to have opened this wide but with Lane, through the stalwart efforts of Abbie Lane and Holt, making most profit from it. This one is to be syndicated. Lane, Sauvage, courageous Penn Jones and Jacob Cohen were also on it, with Jim Bishop as MC. I think we'll be hearing less from Cohen. Sylvia says he's CIA. If so, I should have cost him his job. I moldered him, like in Brooklyn, and only on fact and by exposing almost every lie he told, after warning him I would. He was the most frustrated man you ever saw when it was over. I hope Penn tells Bill when they meet....I'm apprehensive of this attention to the pictures and X-rays in such exaggerated form, for there is nothing they can do to validate the Report and they can be misused, like by Cohen.

The plan a week ago was for the show to be edited to 2 from more than 4 hours and to be aired about the middle of the month. I wanted you LA people to know in case it is shown there...New expressions of interest in WHITEWASH from abroad include a story week before and an interview last week in the Italian LIFE, L'Europeo, two expressions of Italian book interest, a call today from CBC in Montreal, etc. The third 5,000 should be through the bindery now, and all I have to do is sell them and pay the printer for them and the second 5,000. The first 5,000 are paid for and if the wholesalers ever pay up, I'll get on back....Willis in writing confirmed most of what you told me, then silence, followed by the kind of interest you fear not at all brotherly. Fear not, for I alone saw involved and I do not. The best of good luck and complete recovery to your husband. Sincerely,