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Dear Steve,

It is always good to hear from you. The letter arriving today tell me I have referred several people to you at the wrong address! I hope their letters ultimately reach you. I should have checked the address but trusted my memory.

I do not now know my immediate plans. I am so utterly fatigued and yet so determined to publish the work I have already researched that I try and stay as close to here as I can so that I can complete it and then rest a bit. There is chance I may be wanted as a witness. I would, of course, like to be in N.O. for the trial. However, I am as of now \$29,000.00 in debt, and there are two luxuries I cannot afford; spending other people's money when it is not essential and taking time from work. This is an indefinite answer, but it is the best I can now give. I also think the trial will be after September, possibly October. I also hope so for other reasons: my New Orleans book will be out soon, and with any luck and attention, it can help him-beckstop him. It will have reference to the more than 300 pages of documents I have on this aspect alone. I will not now be able to publish them. Cost.

This is the book called CIA Whitewash. It is now, again, Oswald in New Orleans, with the subtitle, Case For Conspiracy. The CIA whitewash line will be some place on the cover. Parallax is publishing, pocketbook size. Their normal distributor, on even the anti-war and anti-LBJ things they print, S&S, will not handle this subject. So, distribution will be improvised.

Please send me a copy of your FCC complaint against CBS. I am working on a much broader basis and have other things that, I think, make it a stronger case. I intend also to go there, but I have not been rushing because I keep getting letters through the CBS chain of legal command. I've been sending Maggie copies. I am also going against NBC, AP and UPI on a basis you, I think, cannot. I wish I'd known earlier. I have gone over the CBS script and made page by page answers, but in some cases on a personal basis, which I think strengthens rather than weakens. Also, vs Merv Griffin, Today and a miscellany of stations. Please keep me posted. I send Maggie copies of everything on this. I think I've made a few dents here and there. Have you received any communication from CBS you haven't sent me.

It is doubtful that the facilities will permit anyone to assure you a place in the courtroom. I'd write Jim Alcock first if I were you, let me know what he says. I suspect that in this case the decisions will be made by the judge. If it is possible to do something without simply badgering, I'll be glad to. Your presumption is correct about the tape, but with no Liebler they didn't need it. I didn't know you had sent him a copy so I did. Only for use as evidence was the original needed.

I would like to be able to make another trip out that way the end of September, but the same problems, financing, will exist. I think that although small I'll be able to get Parallax to help. Any chance of lining up some paid-for speeches? I'd like to use the new material, not go over what everyone else has been chewing for so long. There is new material and it should be out. I'd not be unhappy about a few debates, and we can issue a few challenges, like to Liebler and Ball. If this is feasible, I cannot do it before the 1st week of September. I'd like to have my present writing done by then, but there are now too many interruptions.

Best to all.

Sincerely,

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Dear Harold,

How is everything? I hadn't heard from you for awhile so I thought I'd write.

Everything is quiet these days. Our complaint against the CBS Special is now before the FCC. I doubt if anything will come of it.


I received a letter from the United States Student Press Ass. -- a gross wire service for the college newspapers of the country. They are going to send me to the Shaw Trial. Now all I have to worry about is getting in. Every major paper in the world will send a correspondent and I don't see how all will get in. Do you know anything that would shed light on this? Would a letter of recommendation from you and some other critics who are respected by Garrison and his staff help? And, by the way, do you know when and for about how long the trial will be?

I received your message from Bill about Alcock needing my recorder and original tapes. I wrote him saying he could have the tapes with no problem but that I didn't want to send the recorder unless it was necessary. I haven't heard from him yet (10 days). Maybe Liebeler's refusing the subpoena had something to do with it.

So as it stands now, Maggie, Bill Turner, ^I~~me~~, and a couple other members of the committee will be in New Orleans for the trial. How about you?

Look forward to hearing from you. Photo Whitewash is good. When do we see CIA Whitewash?

Best wishes,


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