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Dear whoever is home,

I've seen very few people lately because I've been home working most of the time. Those few I've seen have all talked about the show - because they saw it and found it worthwhile or because they didn't and want to know if it will be shown again. A couple who did see it also expressed this hope. From this reaction I'd say it did well. Complaints about the roughness when WTTG spliced in their oversold commercials were frequent, which I take to mean people didn't want to miss a minute of it. I hope this is the reaction elsewhere and to those not involved.

Monday I stopped in to see a ~~friend~~ friend at WTOP. I parked next to the delivery truck that services the dispensing machines. As I was leaving the driver spoke to me. Seems he'd only seen a part of the show and wanted more. It is the ordinary people whose reaction is pleasing and widespread.

So, I was particularly happy with Paul's phone call. There are a few questions I'd like to ask. Will there be a set of the 26 volumes there this time? Will he be able to consult them during the show if we want to?

I'd also like to ask if you have any airline due bills? Last time I drove to New York something very strange happened to me. It was particularly frightening because it was turnpike driving. I felt as though I couldn't breathe when I really had no trouble breathing and a bunch of other very odd stuff. I got off the turnpike, found a very nice doctor who apparently is a fan of mine from having heard me on WCAU and was told this was classic gall-bladder symptom. On return I went to our medical cooperative and they have been checking me out, like a wornout motor. So far, no gall-bladder problem but it seems as though I have both grown and healed a duodenal ulcer and been entirely unaware of it. No pain. My wife says I've got the ulcer and she's had the pain! Tomorrow I see the doctor again. But until I am certain that it is not something that can happen again where I might endanger others as well as myself I'd like to stay off the turnpike. Also, although I pick up every time something happens, I'm that far past the point of exhaustion.

So, if you have an airline due bill, I'd drive to Washington Airport (which I can do from home without a single traffic light) park the car and fly up. Otherwise, I think I'll take the (ugh!) train from Baltimore, leaving the car in a garage there.

Unless you get them free or on a swap or have too many due bills, I do not need as large a room. My wife will not be with me. A single is plenty. Assuming there are still singles in the affluent society.

There will be more than the Manchester magazine development about the first of the year that should help you, aside from continuing news developments. I believe there will be more of these because the government is uneasy, the top people may not know what the real poop is, and they react as they always have. In this case it hurts them and builds interest. I've challenged Merrimon Smith to debate me in the National Press Club but he declined. Everybody who has read any of the book will spend a lot of time telling his friends what kind of fools win Pulitzer Prizes. Also, I think Bobby Kennedy will have to say something like he didn't write Manchester's book and ~~he~~ didn't tell the one-man Warren Commission plus how 'o, either. If he wants to stay in political life he'll have to disassociate himself.

If you know in advance the visuals you'll have and I can know I may not want to ask for any in addition. On the other hand, if you want any I may have, please ask.

Sincerely,

Harold Weisberg