

JL- each time we've spoken I've forgotten to suggest the simplest formulation of the Lane concern, often described as hysteria to me, including by George tonight. Of course I do not know what he has written and I have not heard that WWDV b'cast. But the easiest and least complicated explanations are that he has latched himself and his book to the committee and to Sprague.

I made this easier for him - not that his sins include ~~frank~~ modesty - in what enables him to attribute the claim to owning Sprague to the WxPost. So if he for some out of character reason does not want to say "I did it" he can say "the Post reported that I did it."

He can do the same with Fauntroy and through that claim the committee owes its life to him. This would, in fact, be truthful. Only as of now its life is by no means certain, Sprague's tenure is even less certain, so Mark is concerned.

Even if you were not Mark, as fortunately you are not, could you have omitted these actualities from your book? Well, I don't think he has, either. This is why I've been telling you I do not want to go public on anything until his book is out.

Sincerely