

Dear Dennis,

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Yesterday a friend ^{of} if you know did me a great favor. I awoke thinking of that and then of what led to it and have not been able to return ~~to~~ sleep. Because of the possible meaning of what led to this great favor. ~~He~~ is getting copies of Whitewash for me at not much more than half the price locally and a third of the higher local price. But I had and have a question about how many to get, as I explain.

The understanding with Hood, when Martha Church was president, was that they would make all my work available in return for which they get all of it and our property. Included was my stock of books ~~to~~ ^{to} it to sell and all my copyrights.

However, when that president resigned she was replaced by Bush's former head of Internal Revenue. ~~Who~~ was a member of the Kemp commission and is a strong supporter of the so-called flat tax. He long ago she was elected to the Bethlehem Steel board of directors. This seems to reflect a different point of view, especially politically.

About a month ago I spoke to the head of the Hood book store which would get the books and this was all news to him when I asked him if Hood would be living up to the agreement ~~regard~~ ^{regard} the books. He said he would take ~~but~~ ^{that} up with his superior, the vice president in charge of acquisitions. In a month I've heard nothing. If Hood is going to live up to the agreement I'd have ordered a larger supply than I now need because it would be able to make money from them if - do not live long enough to sell them myself. ~~and~~ at the moment I do not feel like I have much time left. with this on my mind and what else it might mean I was not able to sleep.

I wondered also if Hood would under this new president with new beliefs and attitudes live up to the rest of the agreement with regard to the archive, It is on the chance it will not that I write. Wondering where it all might get a home where it would be welcome.

I've not given this much thought but I wondered if you know anyone at the Kennedy library to whom you might speak with what you know of what I have. I can understand that perhaps they might not be interested although Powers, O'Donnell and Tip O'Neill did not agree with the official mythology and said so. Or whether your school of perhaps Gerry's might be interested if the thing here falls through.

I'll speak to Jerry when he has some time and then I'll speak to Hood.

Right now I merely raise the question so that if you are in a position to you can make the inquiry for me. I do intend to keep my word to Hood and it remains my preference. But there have been a few other things I can interpret as representing a change at Hood.

Now I'll return ^{to} reading and correcting the retyping of the ~~hasty~~ ^{Hasty} book. The retyping should be done by the end of the week but there are more corrections in it than in any retyping I've had done. Best,

Harold