

11/27/66

Dear Bill,

I've asked Winston of KERO TV, who phoned me for appearances to check with you. They apparently tape on Wednesdays. I told him I could fly to Bakersfield (they pay expenses) that day and spend as much time as he wants. Would you like to go with me, if you can? I've heard nothing further from him but assume he is still interested. He also wants to sit me down with a "Kremlinologist" who is absolutely satisfied on the basis of his own ineffable logic that Oswald has USSR secret-police connections, as does "Marins, because of her uncle, etc.

When the first of the new book are off the press, I'm having 100 sent you. I do not want you and Maggie and Ray and Lillian to pay for these, or for those you want of them. Thus I'll also have press copies, copies to us on TV without the greater expense of carrying them by mail. I'm taking the liberty of doing the same with Joe Dolan at KFWB for San Francisco and Hal Verb and those to whom he and Dolan think there should be press copies.

I cannot get it in time for the Metromedia taping, but if any of you has a complete copy of Merriman Smith's 11/22/63 assassination story I'd like it to complete what I'm doing with it for Chicago. I've compared it with his new one and the UPI book Four Days, but could do so with only that part printed in the Memorial Edition of the Washington Post. It is enough, but I'd like to gild the lily. Three days after the Post got and did not use my letter they printed one from Smith acknowledging faulty recollection on where his car was but in no way indicating the magnitude of this error or what he alleged of me on the basis of it. I'll be writing the Post again soon.

I have 16x20 blowups of the major pictures in WHITEWASH II for use on TV, including Lovelady in his red striped shirt, from the FBI, and a blowup of Hoover's report that this is what Lovelady was wearing at that time. Also Altgens, full; I think Shaneyfelt 25 and an aerial view of Wesley Plaza clearly showing the road stripes. If one of you has the time and can get the original picture of Oswald, front, in cuffs, when arrested, blown up from the book, that would be very helpful. Also Shaneyfelt 25B ~~and 25C~~, which I shall also try and get blown up, if I can find time. I'll let you know if I do, and it will be the first part of this week or it will not be possible. I tell you so you can think of it and be ready if you decide it can be worthwhile. I want something separate and good for Sehl or anyone else on TV who may be interested and so there need be no duplication. I think it is Exhibit 1796. I'll try and get this done first thing in the a.m. Headless specialities of the FBI.

If everything goes as it should, I'll have the first copies this week. I'm not releasing them and want nothing said until after the Metromedia taping.

There have been recent interferences with the distribution of WHITEWASH I'm inclined to attribute to Dell influences rather than those of the government. I had a call Wednesday night from a woman in Suburban Washington whose book store told her the book had been called back. They told me the same thing the next day, saying the publisher did it, although the book was "selling like mad". I assured him otherwise, the distributor, who denied having done this, promised to re-stock (he was down to 25 copies and hadn't reordered), and now he will not because Dell has invoiced him for the paperback edition. Nice people in publishing.

Imagine the uncivilized part of the world in which I live. I could not find a Velepek in Frederick, Md., or the in the large discount stores like Korvette's near Washington. I'm getting a cloth suit bag with trading stamps. We also looked for blue shirts but all were purplish. My wife will look for these in Washington Thursday in the hope I'll not have to bother you and with the new bag can carry enough. I've been looking for an attache case I can afford that is made as they once were, with an accordion-type file lid. This would be invaluable on TV. The only ones here, including up to a prohibitive \$30.00, have at most a couple. My old, heavy briefcase is too awkward to use, so I'm getting a four-pocket zippered plastic brief bag, also with trading stamps, and will use two of these. Do not buy any, but if you in your peripatations in civilized country see something like what I think I want, please note where it is and, if you can, the price. I've already got eight new files made up for the TV show, with stuff cemented to stiff backing, etc., and it is this sort of thing I'd like ready and convenient access to. Looking forward. Regards to all,