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Dear Maggie and,

Bob Richter of CBS News was here for several hours yesterday. He indicated he is going to California in the near future and asked who besides you he should speak to (he has spoken to Ray). I suggested Lillian, Bill and Mel Verb. If you think of anyone else you can tell him.

The CBS "special" will an hour on each of three successive nights next month. Richter thinks I'll find it light-weight but on balance a contribution. I take his continuing work on the field to reflect their continuing interest for the future.

Richter personally has done a fair amount of research in the Archives. He has been to New Orleans.

I continue to get reports that the NBC special will be a stinker, that Fred Freed has given Sheridan a free hand and Sheridan supports the official position. I also hear he is former ONI and DJ. He was here to see me about two months ago. I bumped into him once in New Orleans. Whether he will be interested at this point or ever, there is one influential person at NBC who is not in accord with the Sheridan position. I cannot now say more of this.

The feeling among the reporters in New Orleans is such that they will not speak to one they believe is working on this for NBC, not even to give him a message. I spent some time with that person when I was there.

Dell backed out on their deal for CIA WHITEWASH and paid the contracted penalty. I am now out of debt! My agent is looking elsewhere, but time is so short for such a book.

Bringuier has filed a suit I at first considered frivolous. I now wonder if it is not more sinister. It is not and can ot be a serious lawsuit. His lawyer is a real jerk (what other kind of lawyer would represent Carlos, who is probably the only man who might call Robert Welch a Comunist and believe it)? The latest paper he has filed specifies the illegality of his suit! Real crazy! However, I'm looking for a New Orleans lawyer and think what I can do in pre-trial discovery proceedings, if the suit lasts that long, will be fun. There are indications of what can be interpreted as official interest in his suit.

I expect to be home, except for an occasional short trip to Washington, until 6/9, when I go to Cincinnatti to address the Ohio News Directors Assn's convention. In this time I hope to finish the rough draft of WHITEWASH III: SECRET DOCUMENTS AND SUPPRESSION. What do you think of the changed subtitle?

If in your work you developed anything interesting on Exhibit 237 I think Garrison could use it. The pressure on him continues too great.

Dell has not yet told me the pub date of their edition of II, but I expect it is soon, probably early next month. They have advertised it jointly with "The Scavengers". From every indication, that is a bomb.

Has Liebeler really been as silent as it seems back here?

Sincerely,

Harold