

Route 7, Frederick, Md. 21701

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Dear Arthur,

Your letter finds us camping in the home we bought and have just moved into, with everything just stacked around because I am unwilling to stop my work longer than an hour or so of each waking day. I believe it is even more urgent that I do what I do, hence I work only slightly less, from the toll of the past several years.

The effort to suppress is even greater. I now am convinced that someone is actually reaching the wholesalers and media, something I refused to believe before even when Congressmen told me. I had just been notified by my largest wholesaler that he has returned, at my cost, his entire stock of PHOTOGRAPHIC WHITENASH, without offering it. Another asked for 3,000 copies of a flyer to include in his regular monthly mailing-all at my cost-then cancelled. I need not tell you how ruinous this can be to me and to what I seek.

If there is any way anyone can help me, I certainly need that help. The ACLU has actually hurt. In New Orleans it made serious and entirely false and fabricated charges against me and then refused to rectify when I proved them to be wrong. They accused me of going there to learn Garrison's case from him. The truth is exactly opposite. I wrote my book, which is entirely my own work (and by far the longest-600 double-spaced typed pages!) before I went there or ever spoke to him. I also refused to in any way comment on anything I said to the grand jury or they asked of us. The ACLU said exactly the opposite of what is true and then would not retract. This has nothing to do with your friend Butler, for whom, from his record, I have great respect. But does it confront him with the possibility of divided loyalties?

This also seems to be a different subject. Everyone is afraid of it. When it comes time to display principles on this, they remember their glorious pasts on other subjects, thus to comfort themselves by their silences. However, when next I am in New York I will again phone you. If I know in advance, I'll let you know. I now cannot afford even simple expenses like avoidable toll charges. I am deep in debt. Dell has not even given me an accounting of sales! Royalties and accounting were due in April and September. Only silence.

What can you do to help? You ask a blunt man. I need backstopping on my publishing. The printer has been wonderful. I keep wondering about pressures on him. I haven't paid him a cent on PW and I am preparing a fifth and in some ways the most shocking book for printing. The writing is done. It is the suppressed story of the autopsy. I call it Post Mortem. I have perhaps 500 pages of documentation. I have what the omission was saying and doing in secrecy, not what they published. It is the opposite, believe me. It is a terrible, additional scandal.

When I can I continue my researches. They are fruitful. I am getting copies of documents I cannot publish myself. I have an eye on your future archive. No one else is doing this.

I wish I could tell you where OSWALD IN NEW ORLEANS is. The small publisher hasn't told me. From what he has in the past told me, it is overdue. We stopped everything to do a name index for it from galleys and he never gave us the pages to transcribe, so it will appear without index...You state one of my problems correctly. But to do that I must have a forum. That everyone today denies...If you live in Manhattan perhaps we can get together in the evening if we cannot in the daytime when I'm there. Sincerely,

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Dear Harold,

I am shocked to think of the length of time that has elapsed since we were last in touch.

Congratulations on your fourth book - OSWALD IN NEW ORLEANS - but where is it?

Believe my assistants ordered copies from you and all the local book stores but with no success so far. What goes?

Regarding the possibility of a suit by you - basic or otherwise, again I suggest that when you are next in New York we sit down with my friend and attorney, William J. Butler. Remember, he is the man who won the Supreme Court decision on the first and most important Prayer Case. Perhaps we can interest him in adding to his many non-income ventures your important cause.

Of course, you should be complimented by every theft from your works and every other brick bat thrown your way. Your problem is how to capitalize everything including your critics, enemies and crooks.

Most important, what can we do to help?

Do plan a visit on your next trip in - no matter how short. Meanwhile a line, please.

Sincerely,



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