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Dear Har,

It was great reading about you in the Times last week. I also enjoyed one of your books, Whitewash.

I hope you are ok.

Would you like to come up here and talk?

And do you think it would be possible for you to come up and attend the Bar Mitzvah of my youngest son (Ive got 5 of em) Fri. Jan. 25, 1974, 8.30 p.m.? May be if you did, you could stay over and talk on your favorite topic to my people Saturday or Sunday.

Let me know.

With every good wish I am

Yours,

11/29/73

Dear Sam,

It is typical of the kind of life I lead that the story you read, which was date-lined Frederick, was written by a man I've never met and he had never been here! He wrote that story from Florida.

The answers to your questions are not easy, simple and welcome as the questions are, and that is because of what else is typical: this work has been ruinous. I do continue with it, of course.

Were I to try even to encapsulate it would sound paranoid. Instead let me try to illustrate.

A young man who was in my audience when I spoke at Trinity (Hartford) College in 2/67 and then worked at WINF is now on the news staff of WFIL. He asked me to go to Phila to do a talk show. I told him I could not afford to. He offered all my expenses and a hotel room, an offer later made by the guy who runs the show, and I again demurred, suggesting that they spend that money for a conference-call set-up so that, in addition to call-ins from listeners they could feed these calls to a distant guest. Our finances are such that I have had to stop making any uncompensated appearances. Only in part because I can't afford to. The rest is because I am continuing with a work of such enormity I think most people can t conceive it. I can't afford the slight extra costs, food away from home and cabs for Lil when she is working (three days a week now and daily during tax season, beginning 1/3/74), and while I do - this relates to the show that can't do me any good, not to you -leave infrequently, it means that a working day that still begins at 4 to 5 a.m. is that much shorter, for I get that much further behind.

Of course I would like to go there, to speak, to be at your mitzvah and to meet your wife, who I have never met, and my other children. But what I would like to do only too often is not what I can do.

I will not sy no and I cannot say yes. I would like to. I have some legal problems in New York City. A whole establishment has been set up to gyp me out of money due me. It is not impossible that I may have things to the point where I'd have to be in New York. If this does happen, then all I need do is arrange for it to be near the 25th and Stamford, as I recall, is not that far from NYC. I do hope something can work out for I would very much like to be able to visit you.

I have printed four books since Whitewash and have other done that can't be printed. I work with taboos. Perhaps the unwelcome things I used to say so long ago now do not seem so farout? Anyway, I have, as a result of this work, which is more diffuse than the first book indicates, compiled files that some day will be a valuable university archive. In FBI reports alone I have so many I have at least 2,000 pages I have not had time to read. And no hanky-panky. But the press, the foundations, the "liberals", especially the wealthy ones, are as hungup as they were in Germany, so there is no help.

You don't really know what my "favorite topic" is. Not long after I completed the first book, when I was at universities and had my druthers, it was always on the integrity of our society with this work and my experiences illustrating it. There was a nice touch at the University of Minnesota at Minneapolis. 2,000 kids gave up lunch to hear me, there were detected agents in the audience with tape-recording equipment, I was shadowed and my luggage was intercepted. A new typewriter and a new tape recorder were both ruined. Those ratfinks resented what I said. Maybe also my spelling names for them.

Glad to hear from you. I do hope my going there is possible.

Our best to you all,