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Dear Mr. Williams,

Merriman Smith refuses to debate me before the National Press Club, as my enclosed reply to his letter of the 16th. shows. I suspect he will be no more anxious on your kilocycles.

In discussing this with Paul Fenning I suggested I can read Merriman Smith 1963 and Merriman Smith 1966. It will be illuminating (he can debate himself). I will be prepared if you so desire when I come out.

Does this in any way answer your question, how can the press says what it does?

Thank you for your kindness. It does help when our address is given, for with the improvised distribution we have, if the book stores do not have WHITEWASH it is fastest if we mail it. This, of course, is also helpful to us.

Should you from time to time have questions phoned in, the Jack McInney people call me for an answer. Often I'm home, especially at night, and I need no preparation. My recall of the subject matter is pretty inclusive and I can usually answer the questions, if they are based on the record.

Could you, without interfering with any good I might do your show, interest any TV people in Chicago for while I am out there? I have no pr staff, you will recall, and no pr funds. In fact, no funds at all. While WHITEWASH has been a success, the wholesalers are using my money, not paying it to me. Most of what we have given the printer, (we have paid him for part of the third of the four printings) is from private sales and those direct to bookstores. And we mayx-probably will print the second book ourselves. This time I am hopeful that a regular publisher will pick it up. I believe the content can not wait another six months or more. With luck I'll have a copy for you when I am out there.

Again thanks.

Sincerely yours,

Harold Weisberg