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Dear Mel:

More and more lately, as I think about what is going on and what isn't, my mind turns to the first page of the Epilogue to WHITEWASH II (enclosed), the book whose appearance I had keyed with the scheduled Majority Report, of whose cancellation you never informed me until I appeared to be on it. More and more I think of the wider applicability of the lines, "The late President had such friends he had no need for enemies. Caesar's 'friends' had more honor. They worked in the open."

There are many things not difficult for me to understand. I have been living with pressures for some years, and with those subject to pressures. I got a message loud and clear the night of the press preview of The Minority Report. In part, it was hinted at the week before.

What I cannot understand is promises made when there was no demand for promises and when there was no intent of keeping them, lies when there was no need for lies, and deceptions for which, among honorable men, there is never any need.

Those who know me know I keep my word and expect those I like and trust to keep theirs. They thus know my vulnerability. It is easy for those I trust to hurt me.

Previously I raised the question of the promise of payment if The Minority Report was syndicated. It was syndicated. I have received no payment. I again raise that question.

I have begun making demands for "fairness-doctrine" time. Some of it may be granted. You may, depending on how it goes, find some of it interesting.

Sincerely yours,

Harold Weisberg