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Dear Kevin,

There is nothing I can do to prevent the Lane badmouthing of you.

But if it gets to a problem in which prior record is material perhaps I can help.

When you see Code-Name Zorro you will see his sick and compulsive need for this. If you knew that subject you'd agree the title should be Code-Name Toro.

The book is out. I do not have it. I've had the proofs for some time, without any reason to rush through them.

Whatever the price it is excessive. If you want it wait for the remaindering.

My belief is that you will be better off if you can say you have not seen it.

Especially when you have only to gain by not seeing it. There is nothing in it worth the time or the cost. it is not even a good ripoff.

One of the reasons ignorance would be bliss is that you have uncritical Members who actually believe it.

And apparently in spite of everything, in him.

I have not made any effort to keep up with him or the book. Things do come to me, however.

And there are publishing norms.

One publication popularly regarded as a scandal sheet ho-hummed proofs back to the publisher. It rejected ancillary rights.

On a six-figure deal most publishers anticipate more prestigious attention.

The account of the NYC radio show, an account of hysteria, is consistent with this.

But I've not heard that show. In two weeks the promised tape has not been received. Should it now be provided, and the sharpness of my complaint does not encourage the expectation, I don't know when or how I'll find time to listen and make notes. For my own purposes I ~~with~~ do not need to hear or annotate.

In any even, the one of the book is a more dangerously sick one.

best wishes,