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Afterthought:

Long ago, I believe, I told you that when CBS announced its coming November special I heard from inside ABC that it and NBC both would have similar specials.

The ABC one has been announced. It wasn't mentioned here. My source is a man in the commercial end of TV in NYC.

CBS has a long lead. Inevitably, they are coveting my work and I think have no intention of saying it is other than theirs. There is nothing practical I can do to prevent this even though my meetings with them have been taped with the specific understanding that I'm giving nothing away and am reserving my rights.

Nothing has surfaced with NBC. Nothing I know of.

ABC's is a joint venture with 20th Century-Fox.

If they intend a really honest job I've done most of the work for them. They can pay me enough for what I'll save them.

And if they go about it the right way, they can cream. I mean the surface and to the level of the skim milk (or don't you remember before homogenizing?)

So, the question is do you know anyone at 20th Century-Fox who is interested in the project or knows those who are so they may get interested in the ancillary rights I'm anxious to sell.

They may or may not believe it but:

If they try another covering up they'll be badly hurt. We are past the point where any reputation can survive it and it would be the worst net p.r.

If they want to do a good job, they can't spend a million and come up with what I have, I'd learned and done that much, so much of which was based on learning.

They'll look very bad doing little more if anything more than this enormous CBS project will have.

Best,