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Dear Paul,

My books finally arrived last night. It required but two weeks for them to go 200 miles, which is its own commentary of what has come to be called out now "efficiency". The Pony Express was better! Anyway, I mailed your copy this morning. From previous experience, it should take about a week to reach you, unless we are lucky.

I've been to New York twice in the past two weeks to do TV shows, "confrontations". Percy Foreman, that great "liberal" who modestly claims he is only the best criminal lawyer in the country (much better than Clarence Darrow), fled the studio, as I was told with part of his makeup on, part not applied, when he learned that he was to confront me. "his has to be one of the highest compliments I've ever had! When you see how I clobber him and Clark, you may not be as surprised. I'd sure love to get down there and unload on both of them, but I can't unless the unlikely happens, I am paid to make a speech.

As Foreman bolted the station, he sent me a message, that if I knew what was good for me, I'd stay out of his way. As soon as I got home I wrote him telling him that by his standards, I apparently didn't know what was good for me, and so far as staying out of his way is concerned, I could conceive of no better way than for him to arrange a joint TV confrontation in Houston, which would mean he'd not have the trouble of taking a plane. Need I tell you that in two weeks the Great One hasn't replied?

But he sure scared the hell out of the station, which could see no farther than the cost of defending a spurious suit.

Unless what I did to everyone results in more cancellations, I'll be in NYC again in the near future for other shows. By then I'd like to know if you want me to try and do anything with your book. Last time I was the lunch guest of the vice president (there are many!) or a major publishing house. He is my friend, and they are hung up on the assassinations, but not on other things. If they like a book, they can provide the rewrite, place it with a major hard-back house, and do as good a job as anyone of the paperback reprint rights.

Do you know anything about an Arnold Tybee (phonetic)?

Sorry it took so long to get the books, but I mailed all orders promptly.

Best regards,