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Dear S & J, This was my electronic weekend. Taped 10 minutes for Educ. TV Thursday night, used Friday, with Epstein (They promised to give my address but didn't). While it was being aired I was in Phila for four hours on WCAU in Phila, with Vincent Salendria and Curtis Crawford ( who filibustered and made the show dead but because of the insistence of the me I couldn't do anything until the end, when I got the last 20 minutes and it speeded up somewhat). Then CBS aired the tape I'd made more than a month ago for the Mike Wallace show. I didn't hear it. A friend phoned to say they used about 15 minutes (scheduled for 25, but Jerry Lewis - ever hear of him? apparently stole ten!) and he thought it was okay. Went to Washington, although too tired, to meet some young intellectuals who'd phoned an invitation that p.m. Marcus Reskin, of the Institute of Policy Studies, non-gov't connected, has been asked by the Yale Law Review to do a piece for it on Lane's book - alone. More that I'll tell you about when I see you again. To bed 2:30 to be awakened at three for the first of an exciting series of phone calls on the WNEW show. They apparently plugged the show all week and it was in TV Guide. From housewives ("Baby, ya got guts. I wish ya was in my house") to bookstores, to lawyers, I heard only wonderful good from splendid, encouraging people who went to the trouble to get my phone and spent the money to call me. The lawyer offered any legal aid free and want to get me to a cocktail party to introduce me to "influential" people who might make a foundation to keep me going! He's ashamed of the program lawyers...Have any of you any idea who they were or who they represented? If they represented Lane or Holt, did you, Jerry, tell De Antonio of the show? I've heard rumors Holt had say they were "ready" for me. Big Brother is also possible. It could be important for me to know anything you might know or hear. I've also had a rumor Regnery has regretted not accepting my offer to take over this edition until they can bring their own out and is coming back to take it....Printer promises first 500 of coming 5,000 Tuesday a.m. We've gotten 2,000 in and he's getting it in the a.m. Everyone is so good to us, not only good people. Diamondstein lost the bill and we got a \$500 check from them Sat with a request for a bill. The printer will get that, too, when it clears...50 copies June BONES Trower shop, Capitol Hill, 50 Discount Bookstore (young and many customers), 50 George Washington Univ. All distributors offered copies....United News distributing in Phila....Wall St. Journal story this coming week, I hope, but a man named Getweld...WCAU postponed from 22th (big is that good! too much now)...What do you think of WHITE ASH II: THE HANDS ON THE BRUSH for the title of the sequel vice THREE SHELLS, with a plan for the boxed pair for MANY. My materials are almost all in hand and if this in only a normally hectic week I may finish two or three chapters, if I do not have to go to DC other than tomorrow and Wed. Sequel will name the hands on the brush, and not Earl Warren's or his fellow commissioners. Hot and documented and shocking. What do you think of rest of Knobel answer. Sent LOOK copy. Believe I sent J copy letter. If I get a good hardback offer from Regnery or any other, do you think it is too late to take it, too late for the book to do anything by the time hardback is out, unless accompanied by sequel? I'd like to know fast...Still taking stronger, of radio series ...39 installments in which I tell story of book...I expect firm offer in a week or so. Been by phone in last week. Includes MOR's Levine but not MOR. Ted White.... Any more talk at NAL? Think this WNEW will influence them. Please let me know what if anything you hear of show and what you thought is you saw it and copies, if anything in press. Apparently WNEW pushed it. I need first any mention for I have to get up leaflet for distributors for their monthly mailing. I'm waiting only for Wall St. Journal...Nice comment in London Observer on EBC newscast, Channel 2 TV...Things must be quieting down in Calif. Ten days without a reorder by (a) tributor! Wish I knew how they are selling in stores. I'd like reading copy of Lane's if available. One in Gimbels in Phila yesterday, so they are out. One of WNEW show lawyers named Stanley Danzig. Another I think Meshman. Also a woman identified earlier as a Catholic... Additional confirmation Arribe deal closed from England, with word I now have "top" agent in Spain on book. No word from Bompiani. Regard to you both.