

9/15/67

Dear Bill,

Many thanks for your letter of 9/13 and the enclosures.

For my own files and possibly for future need I would appreciate copies of the affidavits filed by our side, all of them, when it is convenient for you.

Within the near future I hope to be down in your wonderful town again. I do not know the exact date, but I'll write before I leave or say hello when I'm there. My book on New Orleans will soon be out and I'm finishing up the fifth.

My question about whether Bringuier and those behind him really lost was not clearly phrased. What I meant is that their defeat is a victory and accomplished for them what they really sought, personal publicity, propaganda, and the suppression of my work in your area. Not only has Roufa failed even to answer my letter, a courtesy not beyond his business capacity, but when Parallax inquired about his stocking and offering OSWALD IN NEW ORLEANS, he did not respond, either. At least, as of two weeks ago this was true.

My own opinion of this is one I am certain you'll be happier not to hear.

On the other hand, if I am provided the opportunity, I most certainly will express it. I believe I will then say nothing to which, under other circumstances, you would not subscribe.

There are some businesses in which man has a responsibility in addition to making a living for himself and his family. Once he goes into such a business and does not live up to its and his responsibilities, he is beneath contempt, genuinely subversive, if it is a business having to do with freedom or information in any form, and unworthy of what the manhood of others has delivered to him free, for he is a man who does not earn his rights for himself.

My sermon for the day. Looking forward to seeing you again. And Thanks,

Sincerely,