

Rt. 8, Frederick, Md. 21701
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Dear Nick,

Pub date on the new book is 11/22.

Not because it is the 11th anniversary.

I've "observed" the anniversary only once, in 1967 when UPI, embarrassed over the leasy thing Merriman Smith had done the year before, asked me to do a Sunday piece. They put it on the wire, pleased with it. If I single paper used it I am unaware of it. The papers were and have been interested in one side only.

The printer has not yet delivered my copies. Lesar has gone.

The date was fixed because it is the last day of the week in which there is the possibility of use in Congress in the effort to override Ford's veto. We plan to give a copy to each Member. I'd rather have them form their own opinions, if any takes the time to read or has a legislative assistant do it. I understand the attempt to override is to begin in the House on the 18th.

Work on the Ray case cost the best possibilities of selling pre-pub rights. However, there are now two interests, both aware of pub date. Neither can beat it.

As of now there is no organized distribution. People or their book stores will have to write to me for copies and my work on other matters will be intruded upon by the making of packages and correspondence.

If the book gets the attention I believe its content justifies, while we'll lose most of the sales potential, copies will get out, wholesalers will stock it individuals and stores will place orders.

It is the way I had to begin with the first book. A hell of a way but there is no real choice.

Oddly, mine are the only books on the subject still available. I mail copies out daily.

Best regards,