

10/16/67, 8 p.m.

Dear Jonn,

Couldn't get to mail other enclosures during day beset with electricians, utilities and at long last, contact with Parallax. Hope I can get this done and in twon in time to get last outgoing mail.

Tentative schedule NYC press conference 10/31, p.m. Pub date 11/1. Subject to several things, leave for New Orleans 5 or 6, leave there night 8 if I can do Chi a.m. TV show a.m. 9. Nine and 10 Chi, then SF. If nothing to keep me in Chi can leave there perhaps night 9th. Plan to stay in SF is you and Hal line up enough until first plane LA 15th, if Steve lines up speech for night 15. If necessary I can return SF after LA. Open after LA, as of now.

You may hear from a Joy Mearns, who is doing some pr. I have lost your office number. Please give it again. I have also lost Hal's home and alternative nos.

I hope you can check with him, for the job he did for me last time exceeds anything I have seen professionals do, ever.

Parallax now has only 10 copies of book. Several thousand on trucks to NY. when they arrive air copies will go to Harv, Mel Venter, Joe Dolan, Ben Williams. These and all others with whom Hal placed me last time will also get copies regular mail. I'll have a drawing account at the wholesaler's and will arrange an okay for you or Hal to pick up as many copies as you think we'll need in SF. Aside: I wonder is we could get Elder to have me autograph what he has and take orders for PW (perhaps he'll handle this paperback as a favor?), with the explanation by Dolan, with whom he advertises, that this is his contribution to freedom of the press.

I would like to be able to get together with Hal and Paul Hoch and any of the "buffs" who want, possibly over the weekend. Can we arrange for something that weekend, either of a private nature or a speech or both. This gives us a chance for any of the people with whom you have been dealing to see that my second head is invisible. Also, if there are, as I doubt, any shows that tape weekends, we can do that. I have set aside most time for SF than anywhere else. I suppose I can do Salt Lake on the way back. To do this I had to get them to advance the press conference to the p.m. of 10/31 instead of a.m. 11/1.

Gallen has been trying for a week to get in touch with Starrq without response. I'll try later tonight. I wonder.

If you can get any bouts lined up, "Marquis of Queensbury!"

Best regards,

Hal-with the magnificent arrangements you were able to make a, one last time, I hope that between you and John you'll be able to overcome the adverse climate. I will be prepared to sound off an Ball if you think it a good idea. Jonn had hopes of a "respectable" forum. Dolan has the ms. John gave it to him to read. It will be more complete than the printed book, which is 404 printed pages. Wrote Paul today. Spoke to my Balt. Sun contact to see if from the meager description he could get me Xeroxed copies of what Lewis asked for. Looking forward.