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Dear Jonr,

y the improvement in our mail service. Yours of the 13th, postmarked the 14th, here today. Glad to know about Caen. However, when I ma there, the investment in time may have paid off. I've fortotten what I wrote him already!

We'll package the books as soon as we can. We rae without electricity while a heavier service entrance is intsalled and until a panel with more capacity is wired in. These procedures are going well (aside from a battle with the utility, which tried to spearate me from an unnecessary \$128.00, as though the money were my ownr! We'll have current by night, but what this does to my awful tyrring I can only imagine.

Time will tell about Raymar. I can tell you this: before I am finished he will not be happy about what + have done. If Dolan does the kind of show he can do and has done before I get out there, that sensitive moneynerve will hurt.

I did not get a single order from the Bowen show, and he certainly did plug the books (very little on PW, which is what I wanted).

I am happy about the sleeping arrangements you have made, for I was a burden to Hal and his friends. They were wonderful, bery tolerant, and he really wore himself out. Late as + got to bed and early as I had to get up, he was later, for he had to go home, and he was up earlier, for he had to pick me up. He was wonderful! He didn't trust his car, so he borrowed one, too.

I find myself, in a way, looking forward to this. + hate to leave Lil alone with this mess, but I'll leave her enough work so she'll not find time hanging. And I want to get to slugging with some of those sanctimonious finks you have out there. I'll have a little bit on Joe Ball. Did you say Liebeler? Thatm too, including a few tapes of some of the things he has said.

The three bozers bit got no press here, none that I'm aware of.

Initial reaction to my requests for appearances were good. I got the TV show I want in Chicago and the clear-channel radio in Chila (where they have been declining to air ew Orleans stuff but trust me not to endanger Skaw's rights). However, a real good guy on WBEM, Harv's bosses' sister clear-channel station in Chicago, has been ducking my calls. I'll try again a couple of times. Remember what I said about Harv: don't pressue him into doing anything that might be against his interest. I think it would be safer to have other stuff lined up in that area first, to cover him is he has explanations to make, or feels he might have. He and Judy are two grang people and I would want nothing to happen that could jeopardize them in any way. However, he was going to speak to people he knew on the Mary Griffin Show, and about that he has been silent. A little nudge there won't hurt. On the other hand, if he is interested, let me know if there is something I should stake out for him. I'd like to give him fresh meat. I'm going to tray and make up folders on different part os it, something I've never done before, and not trust my memory.

What is and isn't happening in New York also has me unhappy. However, there is nothing I can do about it from here and, I fear, not much more I can do when I'm there. I put in a call to Workman at Parallax this morning. It was to have been returned in an hour. It is now almost five hours and there has been only silence. You might think they were not depending 100% on me to promote this book. We have less than two weeks left and we are not even asking for specific time!:

The woman who came here to help us in late August had had the same diagnosis as your wife. The doctor gave her a delay of 4-6 weeks before he made additional tests. She returned the last day of the fourth week. Last night she told us they now think other things caused this reaction in the test and nothing is immediately necessary. They'll just continue to watch her. Hope it is the same with your wife or, having detected it so soon, it is minor. Keep us posted.

I am not a martyr (my wife may be) and have no such plans (or fears). It is now too late for anything to be served in doing something to me (other than an effort to destroy my reputation and my work. Anything of that sort would now be self-defeating. The burden of my work is done. What is unpublished I have already gotten copies of into safe hands and others have read it. I have lists of most of my documents elsewhere. Anything happening to me would just attract more attention to what I have and have done. Only the irresponsible present a hazard. Bringuier will scream when I am in New Orleans. I hope the papers and TV hear him. And from the very beginning, I have felt that this is something I am intended to do and that I will be able to do it. And do I welcome help, even only the offer.

As you can see from the enclosed, given a half hour to spare, when I cannot do something else, I can always return to the battle.

I doubt if we'll get the books wrapped in time to mail them tonight, for the packaging dept is in the very dark basement. They will go out tomorrow, with probably a few extras if I can find the right size box. The P.O. closes at 5 p.m., and it is now after 3. There will be a supply of 0 in N.O. at the wholesaler's in S.F. that we can tap. I have only glanced at the book, which arrived today. The prologue has been cut heavily, so heavily that I think they cut out everything for which they asked me to write it. I'll have to get copies from them, of the uncut version. Phoebe and Cooke, if not J., may want to read it. I fear the cutting excluded all of the mailing history of the ms and the Dell contract breaking. In a glance I noticed that, when they decided to do it under their "Canyon" imprint, they did not change the writing, which reads "Parallax". If this is the kind of editing they did, let your nails get long so you have something to start with.

Good luck,