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Dear John,

Please send a copy of the proscriptus and anything applicable to Richard Gallen, ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ Parallax Publishing Co., 231 East 51, NYC. Dick, despite his poor performance on D in NO, is a friend, a man I trust, and I will act on his okay. By now you know how last I wrote Starr. Mark it personal.

Elder understated. He ordered and I shipped I am certain not less than 250 and I gave him an additional 10 to use as press copies. I also exchanged not less than 40 that were damaged in air shipment. They have never sent me the papers so I could collect from the shipper, although I asked for them several times. Nor have they paid me for the copies they sold. I think I'll arrange for you to draw on their supply when I am out there.

Made my air reservations today. I'm doing a three-hour talk show in Dallas on the way back! Will they be surprised to find how different I am then they suspect.

Capitol Records did not use any of my materials. They let what I said out of their hands, in violation of the stipulation, did not live up to their contract (of which you have a copy), libelled me in the World-Journal-Tribune (paranoid). Because they violated their agreement I wrote and demanded the return of all copies of every version of the tapes they made. They failed to respond and instead used them, in syndicated writing and in a book. This was after their violation of their agreement, after I demanded they make no further use. They also did not respond when I wrote calling this to their attention and holding them responsible for the libel. They gave the letter to Schiller, who apologized for not being asphyxiated, said he'd write soon, and has since been silent.

What I have sent you involves no one else. Books, that is.

Elder doesn't know it, but he sold more copies of Whitewash than his records show. He was sold out when I was there and because he had sponsored on Dolen I gave him copies from what I had with me and did not charge. Not many, about 10.

You know, when Raymar didn't fill his order, he could have gotten some from me and let me know.

Getting late. Nothing else new. How come you Xerox and send me the Xerox? Please let me know about the possibility of doing anything in SF on the weekend. I've cut Chicago to less than two days and may need more time there. I plan to leave supertime Friday 11/10, which means I have to leave downtown by 4 p.m. I can stay over if taping runs longer and catch an a.m. plane.

Sincerely,

Dear Hal:

Got your 13-14 letters today. Comments:

Let the Dolan thing jell under my direction out here; I may or may not forward your letter as suggested, will have to dwell on the effects it might or might not have on him after he and I gettogether.

Don't smell fear with Morgan; more like confusion. Will check into my intuition further today.

Did a little sleuthing with Paul Elder today; interesting results:

Scorecard on WHITEWASH sales at Elder's two SF outlets --

WHITEWASH	160 ordered, 159 sold (through Raymar)
WHITEWASH II	214 ordered, 132 sold (through Weisberg)
P. WHITEWASH	<u>15 ordered (8/3 through Raymar - NONE WERE DELIVERED;)</u> three (3) were sold here, <u>none</u> in stock.

Howell lied; Elder's purchasing department verified same; Elder sold the three copies (?) you sent him in advance of Raymar's shipment to him. How many other outlets do you think Raymar treated in a similar fashion? Please send my copies (clear) of every contract you have with distributors anywhere, immediately. Let's get to the bottom of this post haste; I mean NOW!!!

DO NOT write Howell and reveal the above; we may bust him on "restraint of trade-fraud" charges; BUT we need to lull the bastard into a false sense of security. OK?

Counsel wants all the pertinent details on the Capitol Records bit; Do you have any further details on what material (copyrighted) they used in their record, etc.? Any peripheral correspondence with those involved?

My friend, your house is a shambles that MUST be put in order; the element - natural and UNnatural - will soon consume you otherwise; I beg you - no I PLEAD with you - stop (STOP!!!) trusting and start thrusting your effort within the confines of a concerted effort. ALFIE may or may not be able to achieve all its goals - that's problematical - but it is the kind of vehicle required to bring order at the outset. To hell with John Starr's good intentions or whatever; YOU must green light this thing, NOW, or my efforts will have gone for naught; you are your own man, Hal - and under my ALFIE proposal, you will remain your own man; it's that simple.....

My best to Lil; will let you know on the hospital bit next week.

Best Personal Regards, Jonn

