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Dear John,

Didn't get the Post until Friday p.m. and didn't get a chance to read the Wise piece until late last night. Writing an answer, or at least getting something on the record, in haste and too late, is not conducive to lucidity.

Space is always the problem. There is much more I could have included on phone calls and other suggestions—for example, only part of Ruby's are secret—those for 11/23-4/66, as I recall (do you remember the Wise article? I made more extensive notes on it as I read it and am prepared for the extremely remote possibility Emerson accepts my challenge). Suppressed tax returns. Only selectively. Some of Oswald's and Ruby's are, some are not. The phone records at 1026 W. Beckley. Still secret.

There was little doubt in my mind after reading the Thompson piece: consciously or otherwise, the Post, too, is finking for the government. The pattern is clear. Now I know why, when the appropriate editor said he wanted to serialize WHITEWASH and get an agent for me because he preferred dealing with an agent—the first one turned ~~xxxxxx~~ me down even when he knew of the SEP interest—he was overruled. The lingering doubt is of consciousness—is the Post consciously fronting or is this the normal inadequacy of the exalted.

I've run out of Thermofax paper, so I could make only a few copies of the enclosures I sent Emerson. Two, in fact. The other I'm sending to LA. I am sending this to you and asking that you take it to Joe Dolan. I think he can have some fun with it. I cannot send it to him and ask him to take it to you. Hope you can do it fast, for it is a week late now. If he isn't interested, perhaps Owen or others are.

I'll be in Nebraska soon. That is half-way to Salt Lake City. I've still heard nothing from Bowen. However, on this very short trip I'll be travelling light. I will not have any files with me. It is investigative and I'll be rushing back as soon as it is completed. Then I'll go to New Orleans again, again, investigative, but I can do things from there that I cannot do from elsewhere. I think Wes has been cooled a little.

What happens when I go to N.O. is hard to believe. There is always something worthwhile or important that I pick up. New evidence, new witnesses. Things we didn't know about. I cannot afford to be there and I cannot afford not to be.

Exact date of going to N.O. uncertain. It will be as soon as possible. I'd like to get it over with the week of 4/8—my birthday.

Regards to everyone.