

12/1/68

Dear John,

You have been a king-sized stinker.

Before I agreed to make this last trip to California you said the money required for expenses over and above what I'd get in San D would be provided when you got the money you were then expecting. You said that you would then make up the loss of the February trip when you butt in over my explicit instructions not to and got me stuck with all of that. As soon as you got the money. You said.

Instead, once you latched onto it, you disappeared, pretending instead that you feared for your life. When I was in LA and you knew it you made yourself pretty scarce.

Joan said you were going to scrub to best people out of the money you owed them. The evidence is her way.

I make no comment on the shows you were going to speak to - and in no case did.

I think you should now pay me what you said you would. I also want you to account for the copies of the books you have and had-pay for those you sold and tell me where the others are and how we can get them.

It isn't very nice, J.

Sincerely,

Harold Weisberg

6/18/68

All that~~xxx~~ was yesterday. It is 10 a.m. on a new and different day, and I've already knocked out a 4,000 word piece proving that what LIFE really bought from Zapruder was the right to suppress his film, that they did suppress it, and that the government couldn't be happier- and why.

Now I go to Washington to have a molar yanked. When I return I'll read and edit it, waiting to hear from no one who will publish it.

I tell you, Jonn, we got the best goddamned Constitution in the world, guaranteeing, as it does (int the original and by now somewhat yellowed version to which I adhere) unlimited freedom of speech and of the press. Nothing like freedom.

Someday it will again be other freedoms than that to assassinate.

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11/26/67

Dear John,

Finally the accumulation is caught up and I want to return to constructive work. More tired because I've rested a bit.

I have the feeling there are things you might have said and didn't. If so, do.

Finally heard from Pierce Davis just before I left. He said he'd tried to reach you repeatedly, without response. He made no arrangements for anything. My appearances were thus below the San Francisco rate but were numerous and successful, the least so being the one that should have been the most so, the confrontation with Liebeler. The format was corrupted after agreement on it and he was tipped off about what I reserved for that. Thus he could make it look like I was reluctant to talk about what I most wanted to talk about. On balance, I think the show was mine but it was not one to sell books on New Orleans.

I expect to find out about the Ryne show tonight, when I believe it will be aired in the Washington area. Lil thinks they won't air it. I almost lost it in keeping my promise to Crane, who was a fink with his word.

I have been expecting a copy of the Banks interview, if that's the word. Please send it as soon as you can.

For the completeness of the file, I enclose my letter of today to Bobby K.

If at any time prior to January first you find you cannot complete the arrangements as we discussed then please let me know for there are other available alternatives to which I'll turn.

Hope your wife is well. Mine at least got a little rest.

Regards to John and all the others who were so kind.

Sincerely,