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Dear Ned,

Lil notice the enclosed clip from today's Wash Post connecting one of the apparently numerous Cowleses with Henry Regnery.

Now this is the guy about whom I told you when I mentioned Bill Loeb. The copy o. Whitewash he had his secretary send Regnery was long delayed. Regnery wrote me when he got to page 154 to say he was fascinated and couldn't put it down, and asked me to meet him in DC. He couldn't keep the appointment. Meanwhile, by the time he wrote me, my private printing was in manufacture. We met later at the American Booksellers' Association convention that year. It was friendly.

I offered them distributorship until they could bring their own out, but for a reason I now forget, probably because it hadn't been done before, they declined.

Regnery is pretty far right. His son-in-law, who is an or the executive and seems to have much to do with editorial policy, is in the other direction. We had one or two phoned conversations. His is a Polish or Russian name.

Far as he is to the right, some years ago Regnery had published what then was perhaps the best line of Communist classics.

He is Chicago based.

There also is Quadrangle, where the then President, Mel Brisk, as I recall, and the amazing editor, Ivan Dee, also looked with favor but chickened. I think they have been bought out by the NYTimes.

These are for your recollection in the future. Remember, I told you + had been through about 100 houses. These are but a couple, not the largest by far.

Best,