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Dear Allan,

Each night when I get too tired for anything else and just before going to bed I squeeze out a letter to an old friend to let him know the little I can about the coming appearance of Whitman IV.

It is close.

New and Different.

And couldn't be more authoritative.

For the first time I have a nibble on subsidiary rights, so until there is an answer I really can't say anything about the contents. Except to promise that you'll be surprised at what I have more than by content, which is the proof of what has only been suspicion.

This time I'll have even more problems because there is no odds in supplying books to distributors who don't pay. Only one of those who took quantities of the earlier books did not pay us. So, we'll have distribution to begin with in New York City only.

If you want to do me a favor with your Brantano's vice-president friend-it can have two parts: ask them to handle the book, which will be reasonable; and to get their San Francisco subsidiary, Paul Elder's, to pay a bill so long overdue (because they kept asking promises never paid) the state of California has run on it.

I could not afford to go further into debt on this one, not at 61. So a lawyer colleague has borrowed the money. We'll be giving away 500 copies to the Congress. That plus the cost of getting them out plus the press copies will eat up the profit, if any, on the first printing. But it is, as you'll see, a book that at this particular juncture, should go to the Congress. So we have to do it.

If this is not the correct address, please let me know or better, please send me a label. Doing all a book except for the reprinting is quite a chore. My wife is the equivalent of typesetter. She also indexes. And I do all the rest, even makeup. In this case a young friend did some of the makeup so I could continue with other writing. Whenever get to mailing we do nothing else except get exhausted!

This book will have or I should say because that part is completed by a documentary appendix that I think will impress you.

I suppose you noticed that the time for the Ray evidentiary hearing has been set. I was to have been in Memphis for the hearing just ended but couldn't take time from this working hearing completion. I'm real pleased that the basis for this success was Peace-U, if none of the media has seen fit to say it. Only history-professor types and defense counsel say it.

I guess nothing fails like success!

Hope things are going well with you.

Best regards,

Harold Weisberg