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Dear John,

Enclosed is a letter to Pevsner on Lane's plagiarism.

I have heard nothing from Starr, nothing further from Bair, nothing from Cross, which convinces me even more that he is the liar, not Bair.

If you heard from a Ronald Hobbs, it is at my suggestion. A friend, without consulting me, wrote him, thinking he is a publisher and with the recommendation of a friend of his. It turns out he is a new and successful black literary agent who is very interested in the King and other assassinations. He flew down to see me Saturday. He now has copies of all the stuff. If he is willing to have me as a client, I want him. It means nothing to say I like him, for I immediately liked John Starr (and still do). I will write John after I hear further from Hobbs.

Meanwhile, I would like to know if Starr has COUP. Also, he has not yet sent me the accounting for WWII, not for the first year.

I think this is not the way to be an agent. I am all for his enjoying life and doing those things he wants, but I do not think it should be at the expense of those he represents.

If you plan to come here close to June 3, I will be in Baltimore that day to tape a show with John Sterling, who is now at Channel 20 and can pick you up at the station or airport. I have to be at the studio 12:30 and the taping ends about 2:00 p.m. You spoke of renting a car. Unless you plan many side trips, it is a needless cost.

It is beautiful here. I wish I could enjoy it more.

Best regards,