

Rt. 8, Frederick, Md. 21701
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Dear Mr. Goodman,

While it always pleases me to receive invitations like yours, it displeases me that I must decline most.

I do think you are entitled to an explanation.

For 11 years I have had no regular income. But I've continued my work. I have an enormous amount of writing I want to do, fearing that if I do not it will never be done.

WNET broke its word to me so the audience had no way of knowing that I am also a publisher, albeit the country's smallest. This means that I am also the packing and shipping department. This alone takes a big hunk out of every day. I can't hire anyone to do that work or even simple letters. No funds.

There was a time when I went anywhere to talk to those of genuine interest, whether or not I was paid. I remember flying back from New Orleans once just to conduct a seminar for what I think was called the West Coast Conference on American Civilization. Bright high-school people. I'd given my word. But I also could not afford not to continue the work in New Orleans.

There is so much work I can't keep up when the ~~shortest~~^{longest} night is six hours. Last night I was in bed less than four hours.

Living this kind of life, trying to work my way back to the writing I had to lay aside six months ago and being without income and for all practical purposes broke, I've had to make an inflexible rule that I can't speak except with expenses paid and an honorarium.

I don't know whether any of the students would find any of my books as substitute. On the chance some might, I enclose a list. I do suggest that for those specializing in government, quite aside from its content on the JFK assassination Whitewash IV (edited out of the Black Journal show) with its verbatim reproduction of 90 pages of executive-session transcript may be valuable.

The perceptive ones will see how the eminences work when they think their work will be forever shrouded in secrecy.

I do appreciate your invitation. I can't remember any such encounter that was a disappointment. But the conditions of my life preclude it.

Sincerely,

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Mr. Harry Weissberg
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Dear Mr. Weissberg,

We cordially invite you to attend Byram Hills High School's fifth annual Humanities Festival, to be held May 28, 29, and 30, 1975. The Humanities Festival is a totally student-run program whose purpose is to replace three days of regular schooling with lectures, debates, seminars, and workshops of student interest. In past years, Margaret Mead, critic Clive Barnes, and "geneticist" Richard Shockley have attended, among others.

Many students watched you on Black Journal March 18, and were impressed by your thesis. We would therefore be greatly honored by your presence at the festival to discuss the Kennedy mystery with students.

We look forward to hearing from you in the near future. Thank you.

Hopefully,

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