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Dear Jim,

I thought you'd be interested in knowing that the Department of Justice statement on Shaw, attributed to inquiry by Legeman, may have other inspiration and was not a formal press release. When I phoned and asked for a copy I was told it was not a release. I then said I intended to refer to it and wanted to be certain of accuracy, and would appreciate a note saying that there was no formal statement if this was the case.

Enclosed is a Thermofaxed copy of the Xeroxed copy I got today. Rather unusual that they did not use their mimeographs, that it has no identification, etc.

Back in November Hoover issued a statement in anticipation of the appearance of WHITEWASH II, saying things that addressed nothing anyone else had said and things I was about to but hadn't yet said, in that book. It happened to follow the availability of the ms to publishers.

Now the remarkable coincidence, even though Shaw's attorneys may have made the request (and the suggestion that a request be made is not unheard of): it just coincides with the distribution of the ms among publishers.

You asked when the book will be out. I wish I knew, but I've been doing some thinking. If John doesn't have it sold for fast publication by the time my wife has finished retyping PHOTOGRAPHIC WHITEWASH for offset, I think we'll go ahead and do it as a private printing too. I cannot afford to get it set in type, and I have established a certain acceptability for the form. My wholesalers will handle it, and I think it will do rather well. Then, as has happened in the past, when I have established the book and taken the course all the publishers think would be on them off of them, it can be sold for mass market.

The problem with that one is its bulk. It is about 200,000 words. If I knew a commercial typing outfit I could trust, I might get it done that way. My initial inquiry here indicates the cost, to me, is prohibitive. Perhaps other places I may find would charge less. But one way or another, it will be out, and as soon as I can do it. An additional problem is that this requires better and more accurate and precise typing than letters.

I suspect that I'll have to make a separate book of the documents I have, else this will run too thick, and just have a coupon for the document book. But I think the appearance of these two and the third I mentioned briefly that I can finish in an additional month of work will help you quite a bit.

Should you need me, I'll be free for a few days beginning 6/26.

Regards to everyone,

Sincerely,

Harold