

Dear Gerald,

2/2/84

Dave did stop off on his way back and we were glad to hear him. He had only good things to say, extending even to how he was fed!

As the enclosed reflects, although you said you wanted all the library did not order IV. Because you want it and because the discount is better on the five books than on four, I am sending it, returnable.

Apparently my Russell recollecti~~in~~ was fairly complete because Dave did not remember more that I'd told him. Glad you may pursue things in his archive. I'm certain it will be worthwhile, and by this I mean to include in other areas. You do not need to give things the meaning he does when he reports facts and I think that some of his reporting may be subject to other interpretations than he gives. He may also have records relating to how the Commission worked - and didn't work.

Don't be discouraged by this first class. The word will get around from the good students and other classes will have more of them. I'm pretty sure this is McKnight's experience. His classes are increasingly better, as I can evaluate them from the annual seminar I conduct.

The Russell archive might also hold some interesting and worthwhile material relating to the spookeries. He was oversight chairman.

If there is time it might be useful to go over his copies of the stenographic transcripts and records provided to him for any annotations.

He did not trust ^{Marina}Marina's testimony and forced the 9/6/64 hearing with her as a witness. Yet the Report depended on her knowingly undependable testimony. Maybe there are relevant records.

Best wishes.

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Dear Mr. Weisberg,

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As Wrono probably told you during his visit here, your letter arrived last week. By all means, go ahead and send the bill for all 25 copies of Whitewash to the college bookstore. I am sure I can guarantee a market for them, even at the high price. Also, I have had our library order copies of Post Mortem and the other books in the Whitewash series. This is something I should have taken care of when I first got here.

On the 2½ days that Wrono was here I believe he made a substantial impact on my students, but even more so on some of the doubting members of the faculty. His public lecture was well-attended. Both of his appearances on television went very well, although the ½ hour program was broadcast at a very early hour in the morning.

Thank you for the additional information on Richard Russell. In the near future I am thinking of exploring this point at the University of Georgia myself. The math professor who has been following along with my class also expressed an interest in pursuing this matter further.

In all ~~honesty~~ honesty, I must say that I have been disappointed in many of the students who took this class. There is a noticeable lack of care in how they write up their summaries of the material we covered. And they have not been responsive in class to questions I have asked about the reading. I believe a couple of them have worked hard, but most have been content to do just enough to get by.

Again, thanks for all your help. If I find anything out concerning the Richard Russell matter I will be sure to let you know.

Best Wishes,
Gerry Finocchio