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Dear LA and Penn, too, if he's home,

Enclosed is a list of names that will take a little while to get typed. Before I give you any kind of a clue and to insure the fairness of the answer, can you identify enough of these to establish a pattern? Say, radical right?

There is enclosed a copy for you to keep. After I hear from you I'll tell you where I got the names and why I ask this. It can be important and I hope your affairs permit fast examination.

To the long list of those I've challenged to debate you can now add Merriman Smith, the only man in the world who doesn't know where he was when the President was assassinated and won a Pulitzer Prize for it. I first challenged him through the UPI vice president through whom I arranged the availability of the Nick and Muchmore films, suggesting he arrange for the National Press Club, and agreeing to debate Smith's story, my book, the work of the Commission, or any combination to Smith's liking. I think he'll like none.

Lil has finished retyping the sequel and is indexing. I'm still in the archive whenever I can get a minute and if I can get some underwriting will do a WHITEWASH III of just documents!

I also challenged Smith on the Jerry Williams Show by phone (hour) tonight and they are inviting him to debate me in their studio the 13th. I'm to be at the Univ of Wisc the 12th and possibly the 11th, hence will be closer to Chicago.

This thing is turning our way and faster. Unless they were awful sneaky, I spent an hour with TIME on the phone tonight and think they are changing.

When I started this I expected to go to Washington tomorrow to meet with the correspondent of the Italian TV Network. They just called. He cannot make it and is sending UPI instead. So, probably I'll leave this typing when I'm in Washington Monday. My artist's daughter has offered to do it.

And may I brag? I developed and healed a duodinal ulcer without knowing it! So far that is all that has turned up (and I hope all that will) in the medical checks. I see the doc Monday and he'll tell me. This is what he told Lil by phone the other day. I guess we have real cooperation: I have the ulcer and Lil has the pain. I certainly didn't, that I can recall!

Hope you did well on Pyne. Looking forward to getting to Calif. and meeting those fine people.

best from both,

By the way, the Virginia Castorr was in Dallas until 1963. I learned this from his secretary with whom I left the request that he phone reverse. He is in Detroit. Mrs. C. also has failed to call me back. I'll try her again soon. He wont be back until the 25th. That's, to his office. I suppose he'll be home for Thanksgiving.