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Dear Carl and everyone,

I hope Harve doesn't get another bad night soon, but if he does after this coming Tuesday we can do a show on Manchester alone. Bad as I thought this book would be, and you will recall I also predicted the Kennedy's had to disassociate themselves from it entirely aside from the slush and the jet-set thinking, it is really much worse. Last night a Boston station with an advance copy of the second Look instalment interviewed me for Tuesday release.

Here he talks about a "crossfire" from one man in a single spot without time to sneeze and alleges the Secret Service could have saved the President's life had it been alert. What a horrible thing to do and say when it wasn't possible and when the men of the escort are so brave and dedicated!

I also have the texts of his, Harper's and the Kennedy statements and they completely confirm what I said on your program. The Kennedy disassociation is total and the book will carry it.

The lowest estimate of what Manchester will get from his pretended labor of love, this thing he said he did from dedication and with no thought of gain, is \$2,500,000.00. This is Time's. AP and the New York Times give him a quarter of a million more. And those of us who say the government was and is wrong are literary scavengers!

If and when you can, I'd appreciate a copy of the "Patsy" tape. This is the one I had Hal get from my friends in LA. We used it on the show the night I was there.

I'm a little behind on WHITEWASH III because the mail I just have to answer is too heavy and I've made a number of other appearances, including a four hour "special" with Louis Nizer, the most dedicated, sincere, accomplished, practised, smoothest and total liar I have ever met on this subject. Lies pour from his mouth as unembarrassedly as burps from a baby and as nonstop as sausages from a meat stuffer. At the same time, he uses every one of the nasty little court-room tricks that have made him wealthy, never forgetting the little slanders he can slip in and attributing all the wrongs he does to his opposition. Despite his proficiency, I think he'll not forget those four hours, for his viscera have been spread by WOR's fine kolocycles. The show got hot on the taping. They let it run, preempted every newscast and commercial, advertised it and are reneeting it the first night they can free. I tell you this in case he gets out there. He pretends the Commission side has never been heard and that is why he is defending them, selflessly. But he is trying to sell his new book, "The Jury Returns". He is the slickest and the most totally dishonest man I've ever faced on this subject. He invents instant evidence by a twist of his forked tongue. We've to tape a TV special in 10 days. I'm looking forward to it and will not be too surprised if he suddenly finds he has to be in California instead of New York.

Best to you all.

Sincerely,

Harold Weisberg