

Dear Ed,

Too bad your shirts are too small for me. The one you left here is a nice one! We'll put it in a plastic bag and put that on the closet shelf for when you return.

Jim told me that you had a pleasant Saturday night and Sunday. Glad.

Perhaps you now have a better understanding of what I mean when I call so many irrational and unreasonable. Except for not being disrespectful of Bud and Jim, I stayed out of the hall. You may have noted that on my own panel I walked out when the insane Berkeley started and remained out for all his remarks.

Even those who seemed reasonable have their own pasts. Pete Noyes and his lectures on the media tempted me. I was in the area in which he was a TV reporter not less than five times. He never aired or spoke to me once. Nor did he report any of this.

Thanksgiving (which we enjoyed) and the weekend interfered with my writing. Before I resume it, anticipating another interruption or two, I am trying to clean other accumulations up.

I started to talk to you about Hawthorn and we got onto something else and never got back to it. Briefly, this is the situation:

In May I sought them out and asked for the president. I spoke to his secretary, gave her a message she took down, and asked that he write me. I have heard nothing and I can't find their new address. They bought out Meredith's trade-book dept. Meredith published The Weight of the Evidence, an anthology by Jay David, who is really Bill Adler. They contracted for a few excerpts from Whitewash and Whitewash II. They actually used all of the Epilogue to WWII and used it to defame me. They have never paid me a cent, not even what was contracted for. At the time all of this happened, they were embarrassed and spoke well over the phone. We had conversations about this and what preceded it, the appearance of Flammonde's drek/sycophancy in which, whether we can do anything about it or not, he plagiarized heavily, including a mistake against which I warned him through his collaborator, Eric Norden, from the apartment of Jones Harris' then girl friend, by phone. I sent Meredith's president long letters itemizing these thefts. The last I heard from them they said they would talk to a lawyer friend of mine in NYC. Nothing since. In my view, their unauthorized use of the Epilogue is plagiarism. Which is to say nothing of the manner of use. It happens that, although I presume I can do nothing about it, their anthology appeared just as I was negotiating for a talking record in which I would read the Epilogue. I had had an approach from a woman in the business and I had read an excerpt on tape. She subsequently married and moved to Germany. So, whether or not anything can be done, they did me this additional damage.

If you could speak to the president of Hawthorn and ask him to let me know what their intentions are after he or his counsel review the files, I would appreciate it. If you feel you can do more, fine. Thanks.

I was in DC Tuesday. Those to whom I spoke speak openly about the possibilities of a coup, something never mentioned by the media. There seems to be a deal for Ford's confirmation as a quid pro quo for a crack at impeachment.

Our best to you both.

Sincerely,