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Dear Harry,

Thanks for your offer but I think it won't work and will cause too many complications for me.

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It also is less than necessary for anyone to get all the Whitewash books and I've an ample supply of Post Mortem and Frame-Up.

The only one that is technically out of print is the first of the series. I still have a few copies of the first printing and before I located them I was having the book reprinted in smaller quantities by a high-quality, actual-size xeroxing process. So, I've been able to fill all the orders. And will continue to be able to do this.

At the same time we are listed in too many editions of Books In Print and a few other directories and too many book stores have been and are used to dealing with us. Our relations with some are such that they send us blank and signed checks and bill fills in the same and send a paid bill with the books.

There are also those many who tell others how they have gotten in touch.

So, ~~it~~ if there were the need, it would create too many problems.

But thanks anyway.

I'm only too familiar with the strain you are going through! After a couple of years of it the family doctor told me to take a little valium and I did, but rarely. It did help, though. The prescriptions were for 100 and I never used that many any year. I suggest you consider trying a mild tranquilizer. And take a few days off. Says the guy who never did!

Maybe you have already done what helped me quite a bit. My initial printer shipped larger quantities of the books for me. So I didn't have any of that work or trouble.

Glad Robert's trip to Dallas was a success.

Before getting to putting the glass pabels in the storm doors because one of the inside doors has a defective latch that will require a carpenter, your jocular question, what is my life' story worth, reminds me that of the many who in 1965-6 and a little later were urging me to keep a journal was a poet of whom I just thought yesterday, the late Muriel Kuckeyser (spelling seems wrong). We'd not seen each other for decades, not since the night after some kind of gathering we both got so drunk we had absolutely no recollection of it at all. Some two decades later she really urged me to take the time to make entries daily. But I never found the time. I had the interest, frankly. But I did plan and make some notes for a projected book, Dick Daring in the Bell Box; or how I got Rich in Six Months. The first editor who read the ms said I'd be rich in six months!!!

Best, Harold

Oct 1, 1989

Dear Harold -

Thanks for your letter.

I, too, am very unwell for weeks now, The strain of what I tried to do (and did) is doing a lot of damage.

I sent Robert to Dallas and he had a very successful week there getting a lot of books, and appearing on radio & TV.

I am willing to reprint one of your books if the money can be found. I'm willing to act as the shipper etc, taking care of the books myself.

But some problems have to be sorted out:

- 1) Is the book on computer disk? I would want a professional job, properly typeset.
- 2) Which book/books do you want to reprint?
- 3) How can we market the books?

We have now a lot of addresses of people who bought my book and could offer yours to them.

I would be the publisher, giving you 10% of the retail price of each book sold from book one. You keep 90% of the film rights. (What's your life story worth, Harold?) (!) You keep the copyright.

Best wishes,

Harry