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Dear Ray,

In the more than usual hurry: Enclosed is a copy of a letter to Joe Dolan. Also your check, for when I checked on this at the archives they told me you had already asked for one copy and had an account there. If this is an misunderstanding on my part, you can later return the check.

Your list of photos is helpful for exactly the reasons I asked for suggestions. You had a name on it I do not recall and two I had forgotten.

Fine on the books. It will force me to go to Saville on my own account, for I've not been there yet.

Raymar has no exclusive. Book wholesalers take no initiative whatsoever. It is a kind of business you as a businessmen will never understand. They do not sell, even offer. So by all means place as many copies of my book(s) as you can. I can also ship them direct if Bill runs out. I'm getting letters every day from LA and NY saying bookstores do not have the books. We get orders from the first book daily, despite the Dell edition (which is doing remarkable well). They turned down WHITEWASH II and now say they want it. For a good contract, they can have it. But they'll not cheat me again, and I'm going to try and get them to do it in hardback first. One other thing I've learned, as this case shows: with a subject like this the unfortunate author must make his work successful before the cowardly publishers will allow their greed to overcome their cowardice.

I agree with you on the Capitol record and wish you would so write Sylvia, who exhausted herself on it in NYC when she has so little time and is now in a better position than before to use it constructively. My own judgement of Schiller was so awful I'd blame no one for not paying attention to any advice I give on the subject. I've handled him without sweat. In fact, KCBS liked my designation of his record as "The Revolving Whitewash" that when they aired me by phone for three hours Wednesday night they called the show "The Revolving Whitewash", even though it related much more to the general subject and Manchester. These are very fine people. Harve Morgan has the show. His producer is Carl Young (and Morgan's wife is also a sweet girl; I've never met Young's, if he has one). My all means call them, suggesting, if you'd like, that I asked you to. Ask first for Young, who gets there in the afternoon.

The AP story you quote from the LA times was not used here. Can you please send me two copies of it? (Ruby, conspiracy, the end of your letter).

Best to you all, whoever you see and whenever you see them.

1249 Hi Point St.
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Dear Harold,

Many thanks for plugging my book. Instead of six, I have taken the liberty of sending you twelve. You said you would try to put a few into the Dupont Circle Bookstore. Could I trouble you to try at just one other -- the Savillie, which you mentioned? Of course, I would prefer they buy outright, but I'll settle for consignment if that's the only way. (although in the N.Y. area I'm contacting by mail, ~~it would~~ I won't allow consignment). If you have a few additional people you think should have complimentary copies, you can hold a few for that purpose.

As I told you, I placed a dozen, received from Bill, at the Pico-Robertson newsstand. They will pay me early next month, and I will remit direct to you. I understand from our conversation this is technically an infringement of Raymar's rights; and so will try no others, unless you indicate otherwise.

I enclose \$3 to reimburse you for the two copies of 749. Thanks for ordering them for me.

Your Dell Whitewash continues to sell very well in the outlets I see. I would like to see them follow up with II as soon as possible. Might it not be wise to try for III with them, also, instead of being burdened with it yourself?

I am to appear on the Joe Dolan show in S.F. next Tuesday and hope ~~to~~ to move a few hundred in that area as a result.

The Belin-Ball study re Oswald which you mentioned sounds provocative. I hope it turns up.

I enclose a list of missing photos and/or photo-takers. I know you already had most of these, and maybe all; but there might be a point or two you hadn't noted.

In toto, I don't believe the Schiller/Ruby/Capitol Records caper is very important. To the extent that it has any public effect, I think it will heighten suspicion that Ruby was used to kill Oswald, and that his own death might have well ~~been~~ been the result of foul play. Those phonies who are so quick now to say that Ruby's alleged death-bed statement of non-involvement should be believed pretend not to be aware of his testimony to Warren, or of his blurted-out statement in court over a year ago that there was a conspiracy, or the sensational contents of his letters. Also completely overlooked is an AP story from Dallas Jan 3, in the L.A. Her. Examiner, by Bernard Gavzer. After saying that Ruby told his brother, in jail, that Jews were being killed and tortured, Gavzer says the following: "Jack ~~Ruby~~ Ruby also complained that his cancer was induced secretly in jail. When he experience difficulty breathing early in December and was taken to the hospital, it was thought that he had pneumonia. He took this as proof that mustard gas was seeped into his cell. When his condition was diagnosed as cancer, he was certain it had been injected into him." But we are only to believe "no conspiracy".