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Mr. Richard Gallen
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Dear Dick,

This is to authorize you to negotiate the contract with Sounds Good for the radio series. Dottie phoned me today and said with this authorization you could conclude things with their lawyer. This is agreeable to me.

However, I never did see the contract. We discussed it. The points you raised seemed to me valid and in my interest.

There is one I do not think you raised. I discussed it with Dottie. If you agree, I have agreed to an even split on any penalty payments.

She has also promised to make a copy of the contract and send it to me immediately so if I find anything that you did not, I can tell you. I did not have my notes at hand when she phoned, and I forgot to raise the question of the specification of costs that may be listed as expenses ~~as expenses~~ to be deducted from the gross. When we first discussed this she mentioned tapes, postage and either then or on a later occasion editing. There may have been a few others, but I believe they were what one would expect.

I've had two more billets from Baton Rouge. The first of these is a childish interrogatory that seems to indicate the involvement of other interests. The second is a belated amendment to include Dell, I think inadequately, and in a way that specifies for me and Gambi the protection you suggested, of the Times-Alabama decision! I've heard nothing from Bair or Gambi's lawyers.

Nor have I heard anything from John. Were we not so weary and if I did not have so much writing still to do, I'd proceed with another private printing just to get it out and done, then when offered, sell the reprint rights. I know it will be profitable. I could do it in five weeks. But I'd prefer that someone else edit it and the last thing I really want is another private printing. John now has three copies of the ms, one of which was to have been sent to Feltrinelli. If you'd like to read it, I'd like you to. Perhaps it may give you some ideas if John can come up with nothing fast xxx enough to serve my immediate purposes.

Regards to Bill and the boys.

Yours,