

Hyattstown, Md. 20734

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Dear Mr. Meeker,

My own unfortunately not-as-limited-as-I'd-like experience with lawyers makes me sympathetic to your book. What I can do to help is another matter.

It is true that there has been considerable success with WHITEWASH: THE REPORT ON THE WARREN REPORT. Sales have been excellent. Whether, on balance, there will be what economists call a profit is another matter. However, with it there were a number of liabilities I was able to exploit. In part, the subject matter helped with this.

But what really made it all possible was my ability to get time on radio especially and TV. Can you with your subject?

If I were not so preoccupied with my own writing I'd be more seriously tempted to become a publisher of books that others will not touch and that should be printed. If it can be done on a shoestring, that is.

The problem of distribution still bugs me. My book is not available in most parts of the country and in those parts where it is available, many stores still do not know how to get it.

Publication costs cannot, from my experience, be broken down the way you ask. There are too many things that go into the cost of a page, for example, the paper and the size of the page.

I know of no answer to your No. 2 question. Approach printing on a professional rather than an amateur basis, possibly through a firm of commercial artists.

I advertised in no magazines. Couldn't pay for it.

My efforts to have national publications mention the book were largely frustrated by the prevalent fiction a private printing does not exist. For example, after getting the 13th free copy the NY Times would not list WHITEWASH among Books Received.

Sorry I cannot be of more help. I'm still playing it by ear and missing too much.

Sincerely yours,

Harold Weisberg

2605 Virginia St., N.E.,  
Albuquerque, New Mexico,  
November 3, 1966

Mr. Harold Weinberg,  
Hyattstown, [20734], Md.

Dear Mr. Weinberg:

Mr. Alan H. Rosenberg, 141 44th St, N.Y. [10017], N.Y gave me your name as the publisher of "Whitewash"; and he further disclosed that you had had some measure of success in acting as your own publisher and distributor. I have a book to be called "SHYSTERISM U.S.A.", an expose on the legal profession and those who run it. Now I have been published by major companies, but they all tell me that this is too "hot" to handle. In other words they are afraid of a possible libel suit. I do not think this possible for I intentionally filed the entire manuscript as part of the official record of a case appealed to the Supreme Court of the United States. Thus, so far as I am concerned it is privileged, and I can re-create it just as it appears there.

This I intend to do. My problem is that I do not know how to go about distribution of such a book after it is in print. Therefore, with your experience, Mr. Rosenberg believed that you would be in a position to answer several questions and which I ask.

1. What printing company printed your manuscript and what do they charge per page to print say in 1000 lots?
2. Please send me the names and addresses of several printing companies who do this type of work for amateurs in the publishing field.
3. What is the name and address of all magazines you advertized in in your effort to distribute the work, and which ones did you gain good results from?
4. Have you made any efforts to get this into book stores nationally and if you have what sort of efforts have you made. Did any firm help you out in this and what are their charges?

I would appreciate any further suggestions you might think would help.

Sincerely,

  
C.A. Meeker.