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Miss Helen Yglesias
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New York, N.Y.

Dear Miss Yglesias,

Thank you for your card asking for a review copy of my book, **WHITEWASH : THE REPORT ON THE WARREN REPORT**. You have it. I sent Mr. McWilliams one in the very first mailing the first week of May. He sent me a card, dated May 12, saying, "...it goes without saying (this) is of special interest to us."

When all this time passed and there was no mention in the Nation, I wrote him June 12, asking that if you do review you please mention my address because this is a private edition and people assume it is not available in book stores. While it is true that many do not stock it, there are five large distributors who do handle it and through whom it is available to all stores.

Frankly, having known the Nation for 35 years, I have been both surprised and ~~xxxx~~ disappointed at your silence, especially because of my candor in my May 9 letter to Mr. McWilliams and because, I hope not without cause, there would be a sympathy at the Nation for both the subject and the doctrine of the book. As eventually you will discover, most if not all the others are determined to make Earl Warren, personally, the goat. He erred, true. But the major fault is not his, and it would be a victory for reaction and a tragedy were this ploy to work.

In any event, if something has happened to this review copy, I will replace it. I will be in New York Thursday and probably Friday for a TV appearance. A message left at BOOKS, Mr. Jerome Agel, who has been quite kind, I believe will reach me, and I can possible then mail or bring one to you. If I get near your office, I'll phone.

Also in today's mail was an unsigned order that we filled. The invoice is enclosed. We are unfamiliar with the practises, never expecting to become publishers, but we do want to observe them. We have been giving bookstores 25% on the first two copies, 33% on the first four, and 40% thereafter. Please take whatever discount is normal for magazines and newspapers.

The book seems to be doing very well. Two of the distributors disposed of their initial 500 in one week in the first case and three in the next and have reordered. Apparently it is wildfire in San Francisco. I have been asked for serialization rights in Spain, for an option in Italy, and there are varying degrees of interest in six other countries of which I know. All but 735 of the initial 5,000 are now sold or in regular distributive channels. I hope some of them start paying, for, not yet having paid the printer for this edition, it will be embarrassing to ask for further credit for the next printing, which now looks likely. If there is anything else you'd like to know (including, perhaps, the names of several of the English and French correspondents who have read the book and might do a review), please let me know.

Sincerely, Harold Weisberg

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We would like a review copy of your book,

WHITEWASH: THE REPORT ON THE WARREN REPORT.

Thank you.

Helen Yglesias
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