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Dear Bill, your clippings and the Burke tape arrived this a.m. On Liebeler, I last night started to talk about him on the Jerry Williams Show in Chicago (WBWA), which boasts it goes into 42 states. I was cut off by the station break. Prior to that, on an earlier station break, I asked the producer to cue me in on Liebeler and his UCLA project, and he said he'd ask Williams to. I got some ~~it~~, but it is conspicuous to ~~me~~ me that Lane, still nothing less than a hog, doesn't even know how to be selfish. I was broadcasting by phone, he and Penn were in the studio. At the beginning I fielded several things to him, hoping to help the program and the subject, in each case to have him launch both a fillibuster and personal glorification. He either was inept and missed this or just does not want anyone to put Liebeler in perspective. When I was talking about the doctoring of the pictures, he "Oh, yessed" this in a way to make it seem as though he had done something about this and then went further, he deprecated what Liebeler had done with the Altgens picture and effectively killed what I was trying to do with that in the studio, going so far as to say that in his opinion I am wrong about this. So much for Lane's serious interest in answering Liebeler.

After speaking to Jack McKinney by phone before Penn's broadcast, I sent him my last carbon of my letter to UCLA. I expect him to return it, but please hold on to those I sent you in case he doesn't. I am trying as I can to publicize this reproach-challenge and to build interest in it for the time it comes to pass. McKinney, if he airs it, will give it more attention than it will get in a major newspaper, even if not in California. As I now hope, perhaps some of what I got to air last night puts some pressure on UCLA.

I also repeated my challenge to Judge Fein last night, pushing the needle that he didn't dare debate me even with a loaded situation like presented by the Saturday Review. This perhaps can undo some of the harm done by such intellectual whores and do some constructive good in showing that we insist upon adhering to fact and they not only will not but do not dare. I also aired last night, re: Liebeler and the others, that when he and all the other lawyers and members had a chance to confront Lane, Penn and me before the TV cameras, without exception all failed to.

So, Bill, I'm doing what I can to take the pressure you people out there feel is on you. Let me know if you think it would do any good to write to Donald Stanley on the SF Examiner. Better, if you think it a good idea, can you send him a copy of my letter to UCLA? Would it do any good to give it to the LA papers? Actually, I think there is no pressure on you other than what you ~~do not~~ impose upon yourself. This UCLA thing does not hurt us and the truth; it helps. Last night I challenged the other side to speak and write ~~up~~ ^{more} and said that the more desperately they lie the more certain the ultimate revelation of truth. I mean it. I shall read the clippings carefully, as I cannot now ~~and~~ make the mail. Because I wanted you to know the Burke tape arrived I wrote immediately. I also wrote a letter they'll probably ignore to the Dallas Times Herald which reviews the Fein Review, asking them if Dallas cannot make up its own mind ~~but~~ ^{just} have a New York judge do it from them. I also repeated my challenge to Fein. I have learned that when these things do not get published (as in England) they do much good. I have learned that my letters to British editors are much the topic of their luncheon conversations, and since sending you the ms of WHITEWASH II, I have come into possession of two additional and in themselves utterly devastating things.

When you write, please tell me two things about the Burke tape: did I, in your opinion, in any way err (regardless of whether it was due to pressure or not, but whether or not it was wrong), including tactically; and did you make a 1 7/8 copy so I can hear it? My machine will not take a 7-inch reel.

Hastily,

Harold