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Dear Harold,

Can you give me a rough estimate of what you think it would cost to publish Post Mortem in the Whitewash type format? I imagine it would be somewhat more than Whitewash IV, but probably less than twice as much. I need to have your estimate before I can talk seriously with some people I have in mind approaching.

Are you willing to publish PM without a commercial version? If so, will the person who puts up the cash get his or her money back out of proceeds, or a percentage of proceeds? I know you'll answer "no" if Bud were to offer to put up the money, but that's an unreal hypothetical. What about if some professional person or persons not wealthy by Bud's standards would do it?

Are there any other conditions? If there is going to be a commercial version, are you going to require a cash advance or is publication of the full manuscript in the scholarly version a sufficient advance? If you want cash in addition, what's the minimum?

I have several people in mind contacting. If any are interested, I assume you'll be willing to talk with them.

If I sounded edgy about the ~~phone~~ phone bill today, I am. It's run more than \$100 a month nearly every month for the past year, sometimes as high as \$170, and we just can't afford it any longer. At least not until I get some income from some other source. Let's try to limit calls to 5-10 minutes each and take care of most matters by mail. I'll do a better job of reading your correspondence carefully than I have in the past.

I've forgotten how much I owe you for the fire extinguishers. Let me know.

Best regards,

Jim