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Dear Mr. Price,

I'm so far past exhaustion I'm probably redundant. Thanks for the offer but the new book is now in the hands of a lawyer. I hoped to get to NYC about the 30th but now believe it will be later, because I have to be there the ~~fourth~~ fifth and sixth. I would like to be able to talk to you with neither of us under pressure (especially if Mr. Murphy could be there) and am willing to come up the fourth for this purpose. I'll probably be pretty busy both the fifth and sixth as probably both of you will also be.

What reaction I continue to get on the TV show is excellent. It has now been sold to 13 more stations! Ordinary people rather like the way I took Cohen apart. I get frequent comment from those who saw it and those who were told about the show and single that out. I'd rather it had been the way you recommend, tho.

For your archive, as the enclosed letter to the Washington Post again shows, I am documenting the cowardice of the intellectual leaders, matching their total abdication when our country most needed the leadership they should have provided. There are many other such letters.

One thing I want very much to do I hesitate to do alone. This is not an appeal for money but for advice. Possibly help, if you can figure out a way, and very soon-before I come up. I'm going ahead with a private printing. Even a new publisher who is interested in the book and will make me offers after reading it agrees with me it cannot wait. My documentation is so overwhelming I want to do a third WHITEWASH, subtitled "The Archive". I will this week count the pages of documents I have. They have an important subplot, telling a governmental story aside from the assassination story. I would like to include a coupon for it in the new book, so people will know of it and can order it. But with our financial conditions and the way I have been pushing myself I fear to make what may become an obligation for my wife. I hope this will not happen and do not expect it to, but I must figure on the worst, not the best. My estimate is that this will make a book of more than 225 pages.

Tomorrow I have a physical checkup following some tests and Xrays which follow a strange spell I had last trip to New York. Thus far the only thing I know is that I again did the impossible, developing and then healing a duodenal ulcer I didn't know I had.

I believe that with the sale of WHITEWASH and the money the printer knows I have coming to me, even with the additional debt I am about to incur on the new book, he will extend me credit for the third. What I want to arrange is underwriting for it, in case of any unforeseen eventuality. We will allocate to it every cent it grosses. It cannot sell as well as WHITEWASH. I think it will sell very well, however, especially after the new book is out. Because I am now preparing for the printing of the new book and feel a "maybe" coupon will not be constructive, I'd like to know if you think there is any possibility of anything working out along this line, any foundation of any people helping? My estimate of cost will be under \$3,000. If you can give me a firm answer either way, please do it as soon as you can. Hope we can get ~~ing~~ together.

Sincerely,

A little before I come up I'll have a Thermo-faxed copy of the new book to spare for a few days. I've promised it to my agent in England, who needs it to try and place it outside of England. If I send it to you, can you read it rapidly and then airmail it to him? Will weigh 3-4 pounds. The only other thing I'd ask is complete secrecy on its content.