Dear Bob deagan,

I have some understanding of your problem and your quest but not the answer.

I have been on both sides, writing and making news and why the press, meaning ownership and control, is what it is I can't really figure. Too often I've seen what it does to homest men.

I learned when I was a kid, working on the Wilmington a.m. and the city editor called me aside after I put a good feature on his hook and told me. "Son, Mr. Dupont (Fierre, that is) wouldn't like this." He saw my surprise - my first such experience and made a suggestion, which is how I became a by-line syndicated writer (old Phila. Ledger syndicate - loss before your tise) before I was old shough to vote.

Before I went into 0.S.S. I was washington correspondent for Click, then the third largest picture magazine. Annemberg, the same Walter running with his dad in jail. Did a really semmational series of Nazi cartel exposes. He loved the prestige, all those lovely latters from Washington, from the White House and cabinet offices and Congress, until he got pressure from the America First banks that held his debt and flack from the Main time society of which he was part. He wound up liquidating the one magazine I ever knew to make money on circulation alone.

Without these experiences I'd never have been able to make successes of the earlier books and the current one would remain unknown. With the new I had to be able to work around mational desks, which regard themselves as the most informed and important branch of government.

But for the first time ever no anide cracks. Not one has reached as from any paper, ditorial, politician or uswilling-to-believer.

And more radio time, all by phone, than ever, news beepers and talk shows. This is the only way I can sell the book, with not a cent for travel or promo or ads.

Night before last most of three hours to a Dallas talk show and yesterday a.m. to Honolulu.

What also is different this time is little reaction I can identify as youth. Always before extensive college reaction. This time I've done a number of college stations without a single order. Almost all the checks are Mr. and Mrs. There were no college stateons with the earlier books but numerous appearances.

As of now almost any time early in the year will be fine. Eastalco is near here but I've never been there. Beginning 1/2/75 my wife begins the only regular incomeproducing work we have, us a tax consultant until mid-April. I take her into town in the a.m. and bring her home at night. Otherwise I'm almost always home.

Sorry you are not with one of Fairchild's that could use a story. We've still got to say back the \$6,000 we borrowed for the printer alone!

Please let me know in advance when you plan to come because if the book keeps going steadily as it is there may be some speaking invitations. I have one for 1/9 now. And the work I've done on the Ray case may be in the news again about the first of the year. We've been to the Supreme Court (once) and won, are there now and will be there again. Meanwhile, federal district court should be handing down a decision on whether he will get a trail around the first of the year. It is based on my investigation, for and after the book and currently, with unprecedented discovery under habeas corpus.

Sincerely,

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Lear Mr. Weisberg

Thank you for quick response on the two books I ordered by phone on Friday, Nov. 29 and received Monday December 2.

First mention of Ww IV here was a NY Times story centering on FBI-CIA admissions of prevaracatory policy fore and aft re any agents surfacing unpremeditatingly. hamWinnen (A Whey With Words)

I have been toiling much the same as you, but in much smaller vinyards, of course, on the JFK killing for reasons the same as yours and for another reason, namely attempting to determine what the industry I have been in since 1956 -- The Press -- really is. And what it really does. (Ny background includes financial reporting for the Journal of Commerce -- 7 yrs -- United Press International for 9 years before resigning, and my present lodgement as aluminum editor for the establishment on the letterhead mhm above.

The reason I am going on at sormuch length is that I mam awmangawawmwmm am trying to establish bone fides in case it would be possible to meet and talk to you in Frederick some time in the early part of next year. There is an aluminum smelter (Eastalco) in your town and, aw as I am the aluminum editor, I can arrange to get madman down there. Mould it be possiblemm to see you then?

In any event, thank you again. Away with words.

Bob Regan

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