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In working my way through the stack of mail that accumulated during my absence for a month I find your letter of 10/29. Therein you indicate a written reply from Dell. I would very much like that for the reasons explained.

It is "a sorry situation", as you put it, indicative of the crumbling of our society.

Dell has never given me any accounting of the sale of WHITEASH II and only a single and quite perjurious one of WHITEASH. Under the contract, another accounting is way overdue-at least one. I have not gotten it. They claim to have well over a hundred thousand unsold books. You see, the contract specified a minimum first printing. I know they reprinted twice, and this they acknowledge. I have obtained from Holland, of all places, a copy of still another printing, dated. Yet they claim this large unsold number, for which they have not paid me. Your letter from them can very much help me, for at long last I think I have obtained a lawyer to sue them. Lawyers have a hut feeling that no publisher will so blatantly violate a contract that is enforceable in the courts unless there is a government interest, hence 'aside from my inability to pay a fee in advance) the problem in even filing a suit.

That note to you can be very important. Please send me a Xeroxed copy. When I have received that, I will copy and return to you. Then, please, send me the original with a covering letter, in case there is some of the not unusual trouble with the mail.

This nasty sort of thing that should never happen in a country like ours is, unfortunately, part of the entire story of the assassinations.

It is also why I can have two entirely new books completed for some time and not publishable. I cannot go further in debt to do this and the commercial publishers fear touching them.

Please do this for me, doctor.

Sincerely,

Harold Weisberg

P.S. I opened the envelope to add this.

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To: Mr. Harold Weisberg  
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Dear Mr. Weisberg:

Last summer after you appeared on "The Henry Wolf Show" in Minneapolis, I was able to buy your book, "Oswald in New Orleans". But I was unable to buy "Whitewash I" or "Whitewash II".

At the time I was told by book store people that the demand for your books was so great that they were sold out. They said that more copies were on order and they promised to have new copies available within a few weeks. When it finally became obvious to me that new copies would not become available at any of the local book stores, I learned that the local distributor, "Leisure Time, Inc.", did not even have them. I called The Leisure Time Company and was told that they had not ordered these "simply because there was no demand." This surprised me particularly in view of earlier comments by the people in the book stores--e.g. "There have been so many people in here asking for them", or "I doubt that there is a store in town that has any left, but you might try "Schindlers' ". I did not have to describe the book accurately as the clerks were obviously familiar with the book, apparently because of requests for it (them). I even overheard other people as customers asking for these same books. Eventually I wrote to "Dell Publishing Co. only to learn that the books are "out of print".

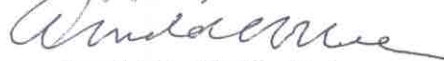
I feel that it is a sorry situation when an individual can not obtain by ordinary means a book about such an important subject, let alone get specific answers to the many questions that you, Mark Lane, and others have raised.

Can you suggest a way for me to get these books? Is there another book, "Photographic Whitewash", also?

Enclosed is a self-addressed stamped envelope.

Thank you.

Sincerely yours,



Arnold O. Rhol, M.D.