

Route 8, Frederick, Md. 21701
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Dear Allan,

You are great to be so prompt and we do appreciate it.

You are also correct in your representation of the claim against A & A, unless you can ask for the interest. I have actually paid 7 1/2% on it. After crediting them for the returns not damaged, a count confirmed by the trucker on this end, and not counting interest, the sum is \$1,314.22. I hope you can ask for interest because we really have been paying it and I have no doubt my bank will so certify. (I do have a good local reputation, based not upon my writing but on two other things: my Geese for Peace project, which got the Peace Corps its first good publicity break and attracted international attention when I was farming, and Joe Pyne's treating me like a human being and with respect. That blew minds!)

I'll mail you the other two books of the WHITEWASH series in the a.m., when I will be going to the post office, and an out-of-print book, OSWALD IN NEW ORLEANS, the first of which I was not the publisher. If you have the Bell edition of WHITEWASH, let me know and I'll send you the original printing. No, I'll send that, too, and if you have any other edition, maybe you know someone who would like it. But please don't tell anyone I gave you OSWALD IN NEW ORLEANS.

In doing this I appeal to the charatibility I do not recall from a lecture delivered in Room 249 S.O.B on how Sibelius is trash. The WHITEWASH books are all unedited first drafts and I have to write the way I feel it to be able to write it. As I did the RA & I brief over a weekend after coming back from Cleveland (where we met) and Akron, so I wrote these things very fast. When I contracted for WHITEWASH I asked for a collaborator so I could continue my investigations. From the small world department the publisher came up with Bob Wohlforth's friend Larry Brown, who turns out to be pretty far right and then still reliving his days with Stanley Walker. Larry messed up. To meet the contracted date I wrote the whole damned thing in four weeks. (I guess Harry still thinks the ACLU was somehow involved in offing JFK!) The brown-covered book was 28 days from the time I wrote the introduction until the delivery of the first 100 bound books for press copies. It is the first large-scale reproduction of FBI files of which I know. I don't know how many thousands of pages of them I have, but I know I have about 2,000 I haven't had a chance to read yet - and I'm suing for more.

In this connection, I enclose the last page of the minority opinion in the court of appeals decision to which I'd referred. I did win, as I'd expected. The minority view is Danaher's. You knew him as a Senator from Connecticut. He was later one of the first Truman appointments to some kind of internal-security commission. To me, this makes "prior restraint" look like a blessing. Because I do not assume that you are as unbusy as your consideration for us would indicate, I am not sending the entire opinion. If you would like the decision, which was filed just last week, I'll be glad to send it. My original opinion that it will be precedent on the investigatory-files exemption is, I think, confirmed, and as I see it the appeals court told me how they want me to do it. This includes the injunction to lay it on. But politely.

Lester Levin is a familiar name. Was he Labor Board? I'll write him. Thanks.

And I'll write The ~~XXXXXX~~ Flatch at Wellfleet.

Sorry I have no copies of my book on the King assassination. This will become clear in my letter to Levin. I contracted for all the remainders, they accepted a down payment, and I don't have one!

Sincerely,

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Re: Weisberg v. A & A Distributors, Inc.

Dear Harold:

Thank you for your letter of February 27, 1973. I am enclosing a copy of a letter from Lester M. Levin concerning your claims against publishers in New York. I may not have read your enclosures carefully enough but what I see is a claim for \$1,314.22. If I am wrong, please let me know what the correct amount is and I will get in touch with A & A Distributors, Inc.

I will be happy to receive copies of your books. I have "Whitewash I". I do not have Charlie Flato's address but suggest that you write him at General Delivery, Wellfleet, Massachusetts.

Sincerely,



Allan R. Rosenberg

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