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Dear Paul,

A while back I told you I was working on another book that would go far toward removing that "spirit of Dallas" nonsense fabricated in Washington. It is completed and will soon be another private printing. You might say @grandson of Whitewash.

People of means seem to have no interest in helping with this kind of work so the young lawyer with whom I work and who has represented me in some Freedom of Information cases has borrowed the money to pay the printer.

We will be giving a copy to every member of Congress, which is a big hunk of books and of money and really means that we'll have to sell many more copies just to break even.

The odds against this book are in some ways heavier because all but one of the major distributors with whom I've dealt in the past gyped me. Didn't pay. In all they owe me more than \$15,000. So, there is no point in letting them have chances to gyp me out of more!

I don't know how we'll get around this but when the time comes I'll have to see what I can do. Where I can do talk shows by phone that will bring in mail orders but not enough to pay back the loan.

I have never had any Dallas distribution. When I've been there I've worked on the case, not selling books. So, I don't even know if there is a book distributor there.

If you can find the time to see if there is one and if he will handle the book under normal commercial terms I'd appreciate it. A regular book distributor rather than a news dealer, but if there is none, then the wholesalers of paperbacks, magazines, etc., sure would be better than nothing.

The book will sell for \$6.00 plus 25¢ if by mail. The distributor and the stores will get the normal trade discounts and the books are what is called "fully returnable." That is, if any are not sold, they can be returned to me for full credit. I pay them back what they paid me for the books to begin with. Or, they can't lose.

The Ray case is going very well. The State is going crazy, trying to try the case on the defense. It hasn't worked and shouldn't. I wrote the judge immediately in full and detailed refutation and offered to go there to testify under oath or to file an affidavit. I also offered myself to the assistant A.G. for questioning and he declined. I then offered to go down there for a deposition and he again declined. He'll now be even crazier to try any silly "conflict of interest" line over my alleged benefits! Meanwhile, Jim Lesar laid about an inch of discovery motions on him and the judge ruled for us on most of them. The State will go back to 6th circuit but we'll proceed on schedule. Kelly's lawyer has finally been in touch with Lesar. He still expects Percy to be indicted. Couldn't happen to a more deserving man!

Thanks for any arrangements you may be able to help with on the book. I'll send you one when it is printed.

Best regards,