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Dear Mike,

Thanks for your time, interest, advice and kind words. Your letter awaited me on my return. I suppose the ms will be here soon.

What I've had in mind from the beginning and what I hope the Post will eventually consider again is serialization. This is a subject like none other in our history, and it requires popular understanding and in depth. There is there, with its reputation, influence and circulation, the Post can do much and important good. When this thing comes apart, which it will and possibly soon, there will be a tremendous national shock.

A year ago last May, when John Appleton had indicated the Post might serialize WHITEWASH, I was so elated I wrote an intended contribution for "Speaking Out" by tape on the drive home. I've not read it since. James Seligmann asked to see it last week. He has it. This, indirectly, bears on the magnificent gift by Arlen Specter in the current US News. I've accepted a half-dozen confrontations with him and in each case suggested to those making the offer that while it would zoom my sales it might be unfair to both him and history. My effort at a responsible position was always wasted for he always declined it. Well, I do not believe there is a single correct statement in all 15 pages of the interview. Some of the lies tower. Given a known friendly vehicle, he got a little less inhibited. I'll probably add to that chapter, for here I have a fine example of what I tried to show and a beauty for the press, for US News got a copy of WHITEWASH May 9 and was so excited they asked that it be made available to their "specialist" in England on some mission. This took some effort and cost but was done. They did nothing, as I later found out, because he just "didn't believe it". He found not a single error that was reported. But why let that interfere.

This is how the whole thing got accepted. But things are changing fast. MIRK I am even more confident, as I believe I told you last week, that the Kennedy's are going to have to disassociate themselves from Manchester. There will remain the problem of \$650,000.

Again thanks. Count on it if I can help in any way without throwing my property rights away. After I saw you I got the missing link in the Nancy Perrin Rich-False Oswald- gun running, ship business. I think with all the shock this still stings. It also seems to tie in with the radical right. If you'd like, I can send you the incomplete draft. This is so hot and possibly dangerous I'm letting the last step wait for the last minute.

Sincerely,

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Mr. Harold Weisberg
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Dear Mr. Weisberg:

Today I read your Whitewash II manuscript and I am returning it to you herewith.

You have worked hard and the sheer energy of your devotion bubbles up through your pages. Nevertheless, we must conclude that it is not the article we had in mind or planned for the Post, nor will it do in place of what we are attempting ourselves.

Thank you for getting it to us. Thank you for the time and trouble you took to come and visit.

Cordially,


Michael M. Mooney

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