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Dear Dave,

I think you'll be hearing a little more about Goldberg. At least I hope so and the indications are now that you will. But it will require his seeing how he can get a handle on it. That is why he wants to read what there is of Inside. I am uneasy about the personalizing of this but he is the p.r. man and we'll see what if anything he can come up with.

Earl also was quite impressed by the time he took for us. He brooked no interruption and there were in all only about three times they rang his phone the entire afternoon.

He gave me the firmest handshake I've had in years. It hurt, and that was surprising for a man in his position, and was hard without being rough, too.

and he said, "You are a man who loves his country." Which of course I liked very much.

He read all of most of Whitewash. He liked it all, including the way I did it and the writing. He said he was touched by the dedication. I told him that all my work is dedicated to Lil, without whom it would not have been possible, and that one dedication covers it all.

We were invited to Earl's for Thanksgiving but had already accepted an invitation from Nicole of Diana's restaurant. He and his wife each invited us. I'd asked him to stop off at a liquor store on the way home because I had to have two drinks before today's blood test or the protime would be off and that is what dictates how much anticoagulant to take. Instead, ^{Feed} there being none nearby, we drove to his home. He told us not to get out of the car because we were both a bit unsteady. His wife came out and got in the back seat with Lil. She also invited us. And Earl brought me a beer I sipped on the way home and that with a glass of wine was ok for this morning's test.

Earl apparently has seen Goldberg at least once and maybe more on this because when I suggested that from the stack of copies I'd given him he show Goldberg the Katzenback memo they both said he'd seen that. Or, Earl has been making a real effort.

Fortunately he is a consultant and while he travels much he can usually arrange his time if he knows in advance when. Twice he had to delay this when things came up he could not shift.... Meanwhile as Earl learned more about us he got more excited about what Lil and I have done. He left with some of our prize-winning recipes and reports on our championship in poultry. I also have the notion that Goldberg may think there may be possibilities in the Mailer manuscript when done,

meaning retyped.

Best, Harold