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Mr. Stephen Barber
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Dear Stephen,

Things continue to go well with WHITEWASH, with the first 1500 of the second printing of 5,000 sold before binding was completed and 2800 sold in ten days. There has been a total of 7,800 plus sold, a rather respectable performance for such a handicapped book on which not a cent has been or can be spent on advertising.

Harbord seems to be coming around to the notion that I should do the same thing in England and if he can get distribution, I already have in hands all that is necessary except the money. That I can not provide also, happy day. According to one of the wholesalers, whose check I am anxiously awaiting, my book was New York's best seller last week (meaning the week before, I suppose, for he phoned the 26th for an additional 1000 copies).

The vile Lane book is now available, although its official publication date is not yet here. Because I know the subject I can see what he has done, and it is evil. Perhaps after you return you may be interested. But it may be quite important, including to me, if you can bring with you a copy of the Bodley-head edition and any available page and/or galley proofs. Vane Rydar fears this may involve the violation of a confidence. Much as I want these proofs, if you can get them, I feel I should call this possibility, if it exists, to your attention.

The morality of Holt, Weinhart makes Lane a natural for them. One of the nastier adventures they engaged upon backfired and gave WHITEWASH it biggest single push forward. You'll laugh at that, I think.

Meanwhile I keep chugging away at the sequel, which is falling into place nicely in my mind and slowly on paper as I stay well occupied with the present. I have just about all that I must in hand and on your return, if you are interested, I'll show some of it to you. I plan a book much shorter than WHITEWASH but loaded with documents and photographs most of which have never been seen and the balance never understood. It will be even more shocking than WHITEWASH. I currently favor the title WHITEWASH II: WHO DID IT. There may be a question mark in the title, but there will not be in the text. I've really got the proof, with names.

Hope you can get the book and the proofs. Looking forward to seeing you.

Sincerely,

Harold Weisberg

P.S. I know your people decided against all the books. If it meant rejecting Lane's, I'm content. They'd eventually have regretted it when they understood.