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Dear Russ,

Here are the complain I filed yesterday and the accompanying release. I'd appreciate return of the complaint after you have read it. By all means copy if you'd like. And use, but try and avoid use of the letters. The press having avoided this with its customary devotion to ennobling principle and the ~~stilted~~ monolithic devotion we have learned is its norm, I have other plans for them that can involve sale. This also I'll discuss with you when you are here.

I can well understand how the Washington Post found it to carry any mention. They did have a reporter there. Today's issue cramped them for space. They had only 133 pages!

However, I bumped into a man I met several months ago while going around yesterday. He is head of a small foundation. I had talked to him of a story such as the one we have been corresponding about. When he saw this he felt he could be of help, and I am confident one of his board, the man I was then visiting, will agree. I'll get and send you a prospectus when I can. Perhaps you may have some appropriate ideas in those things you have planned.

I have no need for the release.

Three men turned up for the press conference: the Post's, one from UPI and the Nashville Tennessean correspondent.

Conspicuous by their absence were any blacks, and the announcement and subject were on the city-news wire.

While the Rap Brown business did occupy many men, this is not competitive, is really part of the same story, and it does have its own values.

That we know about whores does not make them more welcome.

This time I did expect some attention. You can see for yourself whether or not the material warrants it.

Best to both,