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Dear Hal,

You've been doing beautifully. We're winding up without enough time in San Francisco! I've heard from Paul Young of the Harve Morgan Show, and they'll be changing "station policy". They also respect us more for being honorable about Joe Dolan. They tried to give me a sales pitch about his only 5,000 watts and I told them how he had faith in me when others didn't, how he delivered for me (which will not hurt if talked of in his trade) and how I felt that if there was only one thing I could do on the west coast, it would be what Joe Dolan wants.

There's enough for everyone. I'll make you a package of books sometime tonight (I've just returned from DC) and it will include one of the new ones, not to be shown to anyone in the remote event it reaches you before the 7th. Paul Elder is getting 250 by air, plus some press copies; Raymar has ordered 1000, and I'll carry a few.

You've got my schedule by now. If there is any change I'll let you know from Chicago. I'm catching the first plane out of there that would not have you at the SF airport at 4 a.m.

To be clear, as perhaps you by now know, I have reason to believe the Harve Morgan show will be in touch with you for the night of the 15th. As I said before, make any arrangements you want, but try and have the Pacifica thing done in LA where I have more time and where Bill plans to do it himself. We can do it whenever there is a spare moment, and this gives you more opportunities in SF. I'd also like to meet Stanley and hand him a copy of the new book.

I doubt if Lievbeiler will show. He is a liar if he said I "once got 'abusive' with him on a show." We've never met. He has two challenges now: Jerry Williams and Lomax for the 17th. We just might meet earlier. He is not anxious to meet me and I think unless forced to will not. I do not waste time trying to get them to do what they do not want to. He hasn't answered my letter of July, hasn't paid me the \$5.05 he owes, hasn't answered my letter to the chancellor of UCIA, and has been totally silent about any "abuse", real or imagined. But he'll soon be talking, fast and loud, mark it! But he'll convince no one, for there is no defense for what he has done. My suggestion is that you leave Lievbeiler for TV and not push at all. It will be just as good if he declines, for whatever reason. I'll still have things to say about him with pictures, with quotations, with answers. He is not just the man who looked into Oswald's past. He is the man who made the whitewash possible, as I shall be saying and showing.

In talking to media people about the new book, you can tell them it shows who did the whitewashing and how it was done, naming names, giving dates, quoting official documents never before quoted or, so far as I know, seen, with all libe cuts of excerpts of these documents and 13 pictures. Make up your mind which is the most important TV thing and I'll save some thing for them. I've two very good sets of photographic things for the two best stations, and plenty for the rest. This is a longer book (I had to use different paper so it seems smaller but by 5-letter units, it is over 200,000 words. When I'm there you can advise me on what to have for who. By having pictures we can use the same stuff on radio without really hurting TV and we can let each TV station know in advance what they can have for pictures. Okay? I leave it up to you and them. By the way, the 16th, if you want some fun - and without telling anyone, least of all Keating - why not introduce me as "Le Boeuf"? I have no doubt they had me in mind for they knew of all three books....Isn't it odd that everyone doesn't seek to confront hysteria, easy as that is to deal with. Thanks for everything. See you soon.

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Bear Arnold,

Just a few lines to let you know how I'm progressing on your tour. So far the response to having you on both radio and TV is good. The only problem I have with a few is that they tell me - or words to this effect - "Look, we've had nothing but programs on the Warren Commission in the past few weeks, what's Weisberg going to say that will really be any different ~~extra~~?" Then I tell them that your approach is different (I've made up a summary of references, biography and capsule comments which I give each station) and that your new book is coming out. So they tell me "Fine, let me see the new book so I can be briefed on it beforehand". I then tell them it isn't out yet and then they ask for your old book and I don't have any extra copies on hand. So that's the only problem. Can you send me about half a dozen of the old book so I can give them to the program director? One program won't go ahead until they read your book first (this is the early morning TV program known as "A.M." which as I explained is important in that it reaches the early morning commuter).

So you see the problem and if you could help out it would be helpful. The time is getting close to your appearance here and I've already alerted the stations here about your press conference. They will show up if I can get a definite time schedule from you as to when you'll be coming in to S.F. As soon as I hear from you on this a press release will go out immediately.

I've arranged through Joe Dolan to have you at Paul Elder's Book Store in S.F. on Thursday, December 15 from 2 p.m. on to autograph your book (both old and new). You should hear from Dolan on this shortly. Joe's been very helpful all around on this whole thing - a marked contrast from the other programs. He's the only one with a real sense of social consciousness as I'm sure you have learned in dealing with him.

The producer of the Harve Morgan show turned down a program for the night after the Dolan show. He wanted you first before Dolan and I couldn't break my promise to Joe. It was unfair for them to do that but maybe I can still salvage something out of this. Anyway, there are other stations in the Bay Area.

In speaking with KNER they said they might be able to use you in the "Monitor" series. As you know this goes around the country.

So that is how things stand now. You have so far six definite appearances scheduled. When I complete the scheduling you'll be notified.

Best,

*Hal Verb*  
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P.S. Just spoke to a reporter who is trying to get Liebeler to debate you here in S.F. The reporter said Liebeler didn't rule out the idea completely. He claims you're "hysterical" in your approach and that you once got "abusive" with him on a show.