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Dear Hal,

You know by now that I'll be there the 14th. and on the Joe Dolan show that night. You and Bill can arrange between you when I leave SF. I believe it is the night of the 17th that he needs me in LA, maybe not, maybe earlier. I've heard from KERO, Bakersfield, from whom I'm to hear again. Tentatively, they want me there for TV taping the 21st., which is about as close to Ames as one can get and still accomplish anything. I suppose I'd go back to LA from there and thence come home.

I'm now pretty certain that I'll have a few copies of WHITEWASH II by the time I get out there, because I'm scheduled to have some earlier and I've already written the wholesalers telling them it is soon to be available.

I've also had some blowups made of some of the photographic evidence. If I had the time and dough I'd make some slides.

There has been no further word from Merriman Smith, save indirectly. I wrote the Washington Post, which carried his story Sunday, and had the letter to them today. I sent it not to the letters to the editor department but to the editor personally. I've met him and we've had previous correspondence. So, in yesterday's paper, is a slight acknowledgement by Smith, in a letter, that there was a slight error from faulty recollection (his exclusive preproactive), and he wasn't at the triple Underpass at all, hadn't even turned into Elm. From the letter, this is but a ~~fixing~~ slight error and ~~ixall~~ is now fine. Unfortunately, his entire story flows from that, as he knows. What now about his having heard the shots so clearly from behind him? Are they from the sheriff's office now?

He's being invited to meet me in Chicago, WBBM, the night of the 13th. He will not. I wish I had the full text of his initial reporting, more than what is in four days. But I can read one against the other, his letter to the Post and his story, and my letter to him, etc. and make comprehensible to people how they were so misinformed....I wish I knew people in Chicago who could line up something for earlier on the 13th., or perhaps in Milwaukee, en route to Chicago from Madison.

When you can, please give me an idea of what you have in mind or planned so that if I get any inquiries for radio or TV I'll be able to answer. The people in Bakersfield wanted to fly me out for a single day, the 7th., when I cannot, then offered the 14th, which I could not because of Joe Dolan and anything else you may want. But if I have some kind of a tentative schedule, maybe a few other exposures can fit in. I'm going to NYC the fourth, returning I believe the 7th, but I may be in Phila that night and return the 8th. There'll be a hell of a lot of mail and other things accumulated by then. I'll leave for Madison I now think the 11th., a.m., unless I hear otherwise from them. I'll be in Chicago, the Jerry Williams show, 9-12 Chicago time. If you want and the planes permit, I can fly out from there, getting to SF in the early a.m. and after a nap can get cooking...Because he was so kind and sponsored the Joe Dolan ads, when you speak to Dolan ask him if he'd like to ask Paul Elder how many copies of WHITEWASH II he wants. I'll promise him the first copies I send out. If he wants, I'll send them special handling or any way he stipulates. This can give Paul Elder several days jump on his competition, for the only west-coast wholesaler I have is in Monrovia, and can perhaps help Joe with him a little. If there is time and Elder wants, I can appear in his store. You will know this, not I, so make whatever arrangements you think desirable or, if you think it inadvisable for other reasons, like schedule, make none...I'll also try and bring copies with me, but how practical this will be I do not know. It may not work and may cost too much.

Sincerely,

Harold Weisberg

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November 16, 1966

Harold Weisberg
Hyattstown, Maryland

Dear Mr. Weisberg;

This letter is to confirm your speaking engagement for The Militant Forum on December 16th, 1966 at 8:P.M..


We have taken the Hall of Flowers which is located in the Golden Gate Park of San Francisco and is well known by the people of this area.

You will be sharing the platform with Mr. Keating of Ramparts magazine and it look's like it will be a well attended meeting.

Hal Verb is sending you a letter which will go into detail about other plans for your stay in San Francisco starting on December 14th.

Thank you very much for your effort and we will send you copies of all the publicity for this meeting.

Sincerely;


Sylvia Weinstein
Chairman; Militant Forum