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Dear Hal,

A bunch of paper given us, a good and kind artist and a nephew who works in a print shop and for next to nothing I've got stationary!

Today I came across a partial, disputatious report that confirms much of what you told me of Similes. Please make a note of the story and if there is any confirmation, or if you have his address, please send it.

Manchester's excesses exceed my expectations. But I sure am the solitary I told you so guy. The way things are going, he may, as I said I thought he could, open this whole thing real wide. I fear he is really insane. His is preeminently the most conspicuously inaccurate work.

The AP moved a story today on my defense of the Presidential escort and my assault on M for his vile attack on them. If it is used out there, please send me clips. I was also taped and used by a Washington station on it, by a Boston station by phone (and they're flying me up there in two weeks for radio and TV tapings and for a two-hour call-in program, live.

I'm getting so much more good material from the archive in the little time I spend there I fear I'll not be able to use all of it! I've now got the original FBI Lovelady shirt report and much other stuff.

Joe Ball says he doesn't want me for an enemy. I wrote him a scorching letter after his speech. His reply was inadequate. He implied the Times's account was wrong. I said this being the case, why did he not write them, sending me a copy? I doubt if he will, but I also think he doesn't want me taking after him. The deck was badly stacked against me on a four-hour taping session at WOR (scheduled for two hours until I livened it up), with Louis Nizer having corrupted the show before I got there and the moderator, alas I woman I could not take after, displaying obvious partiality. But I think Nizer's reputation sustained a major blow. He's to debate me on a TV taping a week from tonight. I won't be too surprised if he is not there. WOR has twice aired that show, one day, once night, each time preempting all commercials and newscasts. They are putting it on again tonight beginning 11:15, and I hear ~~that~~ they're running it until 5 a.m.!

Liebeler has formally declined the TV invitation, giving the Lane litigation as a reason, yet he is to debate Lane at UCLA. Specter, invited to Eruppe, isn't flying. He's getting around the invitation by taking a boat. Belin and Scobey alone have accepted, championed by Nizer.

Regards to everyone.

Sincerely,