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Dear Hal,

Enclosed are copies of some of my recent letters. Others can be supplied. I expect the Times to do something about Kaplan, as indicated. If I haven't sent you or Jim my letter, I will. It shook Leonard up a bit.

I've been disappointed at the total silence from out there. I wrote Eason twice, got no answer. I phoned and left word at least twice, ditto. This is so unlike him, I can only wonder. I know the last two times I did his show by phone, his then producer loused it up and Jim did a bit of big-shotting, not talking to me in advance, so I was left not knowing his intentions and having them misrepresented by his producer.

I did speak to Spann's producer at least three weeks ago. Silence since.

Now when New York is available, where it has always been most difficult, this is exceptional.

I am hoping that you can arrange a few things by phone, for the book will with, die if the Barkham review is the only thing available. If Freeman could do one by phone, although the price is high for most blacks, I think it could help. There seems little prospect the publisher will keep his word and send me anywhere.

Even the establishment stuff I've been able to approach is doing me. For example, the NBC Baltimore station, real conservative, did me on TV news last time I was in Baltimore and is again today when I'm there (their radio did also).

Little new. No longer news that I'm exhausted. Many things to do before I leave. Best to all and thanks,