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Dear Dan,

You people were all nice and the program was stimulating. The trip back was the roughest flight I've ever had but it provided the best Chicken Kiev I've ever tasted!

My transportation expenses, aside from the ticket which will be billed directly to you, are: insurance, \$2.50; to and from Washington airport, \$6.50; to and from Chicago airport, \$11.00 (took cab back). The total is \$20.00.

Although the trip to the airport took two hours, the plane was also delayed, so I just made it. I got in Washington in time to keep the previous radio date. They played the Capitol record. I tell you of this because you people, especially because of Elmer Gertz's interest and participation, may be interested. The rest of the record is scurrilous and perhaps the most dishonest single thing I have seen or heard in this entire mess, certainly the shabbiest "scavenging". I do not believe you will want to harm the decent people it slanders, and I say this tho I believe not one will bring an action against you if you do.

I called it the Revolving Whitewash when I heard it. It is blatant lickspittle and a cheap effort to commercialize on the distress of the government over this awful mess. It is particularly monstrous about Penn Jones, Jr., winner of the 1963 Lovejoy award from your state university, for courage in journalism.

I'd very much appreciate it if you could communicate this to Jerry Williams or Paul Fanning, for I do not think they would knowingly want to hurt decent people. I'll get in touch with them about it when I can, but the Capitol flecks are working fast. They, of course, do not know what kind of a miserable thing has been done and how totally vulnerable it is to one with the slightest knowledge of the subject. I am delighted they tried to booby-trap me with it and that I was caught by surprise. Had I not been I might have been more restrained in my comment on it.

My offers to get you people any data you want is intended seriously. I am near Washington and go to the archive whenever I can. Tomorrow or Tuesday I'll be there to pick up some documents and photos being made for me. I have an account there, and I can order that you want by phone and have it mailed directly to you, should you, as this thing continues to unfold, have such interests or desires. If they cannot make slides, perhaps the Washington CBS office of your sister station can. For CBS George Herman has done most of the work there, and perhaps he might help if you ask him. But I do not mind, and I may already have some of the things you will ultimately want. I'll have virtually 100% of what is referred to in WHITEWASH II in my possession, and will have 100% of WHITEWASH III, which is to be almost entirely documents and pictures.

Sincerely,

Harold Eisberg