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Dear Dolores and Shep,

I have had the editing described by phone, including the virtually total omission of any reference to Foreman, the fat plug at the end for the presentation of "the other side" next week, so I add these deep misgivings and apprehensions to what I wrote earlier today.

"Other side"? The first has yet to be presented!

While I do not believe that you, personally, want to be unfair to me, and I'd like to believe that management has no such intention, submitting to such pressures, which would seem to be apparent, can have ~~neither~~ any other intention nor any other ~~intended~~ result.

I remind you again that the original proposal was for the presentation of the book, then a confrontation, for which I, personally, recommended both other sides.

When Foreman abdicated, the "other side" forfeited.

I look forward to the promised tapes, so that I can determine for myself whether the edited version is faithful to the taped one.

Meanwhile, I look forward to what I think should be the minimum, the extending of not less than reciprocal courtesies, your invitation to me to be present and defend myself and my work from whoever you have to give this "other side".

If this "other side" again refuses to confront me, any obligation you or your lawyers may consider you owe (and on my side of any assassination story, there has yet to be a single case anywhere for opportunity to response to the extensive attacks) will have been satisfied, and I should have the offered and not delivered opportunity to tell the story of the book, or the facts of the case, which is separate from personalities.

I think you should also know that the prosecution has been smothering Tennessee with a distorted and unfactual account of the case, of which I have the DA himself on tape, and I have been refused any and every opportunity for any response, including by the State Bar, which had at least four such (improper) presentations. I was in Memphis, at both papers, and there was no interest in an interview, no reference to the book, and I was denied copies of what had been published from the morgues. Letters of request.

"Other side"? This potato-peeling you gave me was the first even restricted opportunity ever presented anywhere, for even that tiny bit on "my" side. Foreman's appearances include Griffin and Cavett. He and Huie got mass attention with the appearance of the Huie articles in Look. Have you seen any story anywhere of my side?

I ask only that you tell me who I'll confront so I can be prepared.

Sincerely,

Harold Weisberg