

WRRL

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Mr. George J. Dacre  
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Dear Mr. Dacre,

Thanks for your kind words in your letter of the 26th. For the moment all I can say is that I'm willing. There are several complications, the most immediate of which is my fatigue. This is and has been a one man-and-wife operation, and the size to which it has grown is staggering. As of today, in less than two months, we have sold a few over 6,600 copies of the most unorthodox book in history - reproduction by offset from the typescript! Yet it is now going at best-seller rate in New York alone. Two of the wholesalers have in the past week reordered 2,100 copies. We are flooded by mail in which people complain their bookstores do not have it, do not know how to get it, and do not want to. Yesterday and today we mailed out 126 copies from here, and more orders await me at the printer's.

Even stronger is the fact that with the spectacular performance, it is not likely that we can make any profit if we figure our time at minimum Guild rates. This was a tremendous work, and we have had no income for the past two and a half years. So, we have considerable debt. The printer did the book on credit. Tomorrow I will pay him the last due on the first printing of 5,000. Of the second 5,000, only 1791 have been bound. Except for a few I have year, they have all been sold!

The Burke show was a bawl, but a terrible strain, I could not sleep after it. It was not planned the way it worked out. It was scheduled for 30 minutes. Those lawyers who organized and took advantage of the open-mike format were my best friends. I'm beginning to wonder if they are connected with a competitor publisher. If so, he'll undoubtedly be making changes in his legal or public-relations departments. In every way they made it for me!

Another complication is my tentative agreement to do the book in a series of radio programs, five minutes a day, five days a week for 29 weeks. I'm to see these people this weekend. I think that is too long for me now. Also, although I have had to suspend writing - and I have a sequel researched and partly written - I have another TV commitment and I've promised WCAU to go back for another four hours. Apparently popular demand after a four-hour stint this past Friday night-Saturday morning. Unless I'm in New York at a time when you might want to do it, perhaps phone would be best. I did that with KEXB in San Francisco June 29 and it grew from a planned 10 minutes into two hours of the jumpiest. Just got a remarkable letter from a judge on it today.

Here is the book. Read it and see what you think. I'd appreciate it if you can pay for it for we are way over our budget on press and review copies and we are in sad financial shape. Should you call, we are out in the country and I'm away from home pretty much. Both our phones are 8-party lines, so please make it person-to-person and I'll return it when I get home and you won't get an inquisitive kid or the volunteer firemen. They are 301-WA6-2034 and TR4-4246.

Sincerely,



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Mr. Weisberger  
H yattstown, Maryland

Dear Sir,

Please send me Cash on Delivery one copy of your book "Whitewash". Watched with interest your appearance on Alan Burke show. Am interested in discussing your book on WRKLs Hotline program. This is program in which listeners call in and talk with our manager Al Spiro and his guests various subjects. We invite you to appear on the program either in person or by telephone. If you cannot send the book as a press copy or C.O.D. please send information on how I may obtain the book. P.S/ loved the way you handlded the attorneys on the Burke show.

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