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Dear Mr. Sokol,

Your offer is, as you say, not excessive. Yet it is better than the average I have been getting, so may I reduce it for you a bit? You make the honorarium \$800 and I'll pay the expenses out of it. It is not that I do not need the expense money; I do, for we have yet to show a profit on our work. It is just that I do not want to bankrupt your council.

On the other hand, if you strike it rich, by the time I'm there, I'll happily accept the expense refund.

I would come up by air for there has been no change in my scarcity of time. Rather I have less, for I'm behind on WHITEWASH III and am now also doing an answer to Manchester. Most colleges have sleeping accommodations, and whatever they are, if it is just a bunk in a dorm or a frat house, will be okay.

Two of the dates you mention are Saturdays. If they are good for you they are perhaps a bit better for me, for they may provide the chance for a stopover in New York and the transaction of some business the day before. There are always more things to do in New York than I can find time for. If it does not take too long from New York City and you want to have a seminar the next day, I can get an early start for that. Also, often the local TV or radio stations are interested, and an earlier start might make that possible.

As of now, I'd prefer the April dates, and possibly the Saturdays. Whatever date you select, I hope we can confirm it again say two weeks in advance, because there are always possible emergencies with books. Here again, Saturdays are less likely to be interfered with, but are they as good for you? Could you consult with your people and learn when you would want to start publicity? We could then fix that as the date for final confirmation.

The only appearances I have scheduled this year are at colleges, for I much prefer them and what has to now been a refreshing association with your generation.

It is possible that by then I'll have some slides that can be used in the lecture hall or on TV. I will have some enlargements of some of the pictures, those in the back of WHITEWASH II, if I do not have slides.

Once we fix a firm date, you can load it as heavily as you like. No matter how tired I am, the adrenalin factory has yet to fail. If there are history or government majors who would like a seminar, or if your council would like a bull session, once we have the time it will, so far as I am concerned, be possible. And for the main meeting, if I am I'd like to suggest first, that we start it as early as possible, for students always complain there is not enough time, and second, that I make a few opening remarks and allow as much time as possible for questions. This is such a vast subject it cannot really be addressed in a single evening. I find the audience is more satisfied if I speak of what they prefer. Sincerely,
Harold Weisberg

Fortunately, before mail time my wife discussed this with me and called my incorrect recollection of the dates to my attention. I would say in amendment that either the first or the last of the week would be preferable, possibly the Friday's more than the Monday's or Tuesdays, but if it makes any real difference to you I do not think it will to me.

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