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Mr. Stephen L. Bair
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Dear Steve:

I have received a number of hysterical letters from this nut Friedman, threatening, among other things, to expose (?) me in Publishers Weekly. I didn't answer any of them, first, because of their insulting tone and, second, because at the time I had no concrete information to give him since we were still negotiating for WHITEWASH II.

As for the Friedman lawyers' reference to an agreement of October 7, 1966 for the publication of WHITEWASH II between Dell and Weisberg, this is all news to me. The only agreement of which I have any knowledge concerning WHITEWASH II is the one recently concluded between us in March of this year. Does any such agreement as the one referred to exist? If so, I would very much like to have a copy of it.

I will call Weisberg for his comment and instructions today, and let you know his reaction. If this is merely a nuisance claim, which I strongly suspect, I'll be obliged to put up some argument anent Dell's withholding 10% until the matter is adjudicated. However, I can make no firm decision until I have all the facts at hand.

In the meantime, since Weisberg's accumulated royalties more than cover the 10% referred to, I suggest that you use those monies if you intend to withhold anything at all and send along the \$8000 check to complete the payment agreed upon in our agreement of March of this year.

I'll call you as soon as I hear from Weisberg.

Best ever,

John Starr