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After the telephone complaint from a woman who had gone to the Capital Plaza Shopping Center bookstore (in the stationery shop) for a copy of Whitewash (reported two nights ago) when I was in Washington today I phoned that store and was told almost exactly the same words, that Whitewash has been recalled. When I asked by whom the owner told me by the publisher. When I said I was the publisher and had done no such thing, the man said merely that the book had been really selling very well (as it should have been after the WTTG broadcast of the three-hour special less than two weeks ago) but that it had been called back.

I called Kessler at District News and he denied it, saying only that he had recalled the book from stores where it hadn't sold well. He had only 25 copies on hand and had not reordered. Dell should have serviced him and didn't. Dell had been in touch with him. He told me he had already gotten his invoice for their edition. I told him of the new book. He ordered 250 copies.

Meanwhile, I continue to get letters from people even in the New York area complaining they cannot get Whitewash, the most recent today, from John Manfredi, 190-25 Woodhull Ave., Hollis, N.Y. 11423. There have been several this week.