

WW IV update: went to printer's yesterday p.m. to check the blues and found that the entire job has to be reshot. Shot too full, omitting top, bottom margins and part contents! I had gone in and offered to stand by in case needed but was told not needed. And this is the guy who has shot all my work in the (distant now) past. I even left a copy of a book for a sample! After that sick feeling last night I made same offer again told, not needed. They understand now. They should! Maybe the new blues will be ready Friday, when I'd then go and check again. The presses should have rolled this a.m. And Monday is a holiday. Meanwhile, I prepared copy for the other three covers but had to leave it for JL to edit once we knew the space we had. I hate to not read the thing before the cover is done. We'll use orange this time, screened into a second tone...We may have to hold once printed, depending on subsidiary use possibilities and Congress. ...PH phoned JL yesterday a.m. to say I misunderstood his tense, that he had no intention of using anything until after appearance book. Being too upset to trust myself for serious work last night I undertook to explain some of the complexities, needs and problems of bringing a book out. And the utilities. Meanwhile, lacking possibility with major wholesalers of the past, save one, I'm drafting letters for Lil to write the larger book chains with whom we've dealt, sweetening offer with wholesaler status and discount with whole-size orders. Sure takes time! But I'll have 200 copies in NYC and a mailing on a trade deal with that one wholesaler who did not gyp me in the past. It should reach 2500 stores, libraries, etc...No time to check back with ABC yesterday, but their man who decides not due back from vacation until next week. What a break that would be!...Even have to (and think I have) locate a DC distributor, the old one I used being among the gypers. ...Did you notice the JFK touches in Ford's press conference today? Best, HW 8/28/74

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