

The attached is to a friend who is a publishing lawyer, now entrepreneur, too, formerly a publisher (Autobiography of Malcom X) and a man who has never understood the potential of decent assassination books. It is he who brought me in on the McDonald job for Grove, whose counsel he had been after he left that role at Dell. When we were returning to his office after the McDonald meeting and he was almost gliding above the sidewalk he raised the question of timing on condensing the WW series. I then told him I'd be happy when the time came but that it had not. And that there would have to be genuine interest otherwise it would hurt rather than help me. I do think the time is now because the time is coming when the Congressional committees may well wind up with another nothing. If they do better the prospects for any basic book become better. I do not see the problems solved with ease. I would have thought that well known as my early work is some enterprising publisher would see the potential, as Dell did with Lane's. The hint about S&S is because they have changed some and no longer have that fear. There would remain the problem of who could do the editing and here I fear that were you willing your own life and interests would work against it. However, I do raise it on the chance it sounds interesting. A second choice is a young friend at CBS to whom I'll be writing. To him I'll add a few other ideas. Best HW 12/26/75

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