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Dear Wally:-

For many weeks I have been trying to get a letter off to you, and now there is much to write and it may have to come in detachments. To go back some time ago, I have been meaning to send you the enclosed list in answer to the complaint from a local store. I was really a bit mad at that for the following reason. Knowing how word, and usually exaggerated word, can get around a small town, I was very careful to go to both Mrs. Greenwood and Jerry Clemons to tell them that I was filling orders received from out of town. I have consistently refused to make sales when people have come to me and have even taken the trouble to go down to both stores to do special autographing giving each special orders, and I have done this any number of times. The books I have sold have gone to such a wide variety of places that they could in no way interfere with any one book store. I have been most careful not to show any partiality anywhere and I fear got myself in wrong with one group in Dallas because I would not favor one bookstore over the other. If the local store expected me to turn over all those orders, I can simply say that I would not have done so under any circumstances. In this event the order would have gone to the nearest bookstore and the number would have been so widely scattered that no one would have been very greatly benefited. The whole purpose in my selling any was to make enough off the sales to be able to meet the obligations I had made all up and down the river, a list which far exceeded my ten author's copies. I hope that you will pass this information to the source of complaint. I don't want to know which one it is though I can pretty well guess. I would really like to go to this person and talk it out, but I have not said anything nor will until you say to do it. I don't want any hard feelings, but I do really think in view of the number of sales made by both stores here, that the few copies I sold locally are a tiny drop in the bucket. I don't doubt that they thought it a larger number, but in view of the fact that I first went to tell them I