

CAT#-1996: Other Writers request; ABC; Non-compliance EW 8/2/76

Prior to the last batch of Civil Rights Division material Don Freed was in touch with Pottinger by mail. We were not supplied this.

Freed offered his valuable services, too. Pottinger declined them politely by saying the matter had been referred to OPR.

There are inferences in what is reaching me that Freed and Lane are in this one together again and that they have some relationship with Abby Mann, who is doing a special for ABC for next April.

This will be a disaster for ABC, whether or not they see it. Mann also. He can't know enough about the subject to be able to distinguish fact from fiction. He may even be impressed by Lane's press and by Hollywood friends who may have spoken to him. He or his people may have some of Freed's friends as their friends.