

No 77-1831

Dear Jim, PH- re: No. 77-1831

2/18/78

Yesterday you mentioned what was in today's mail, the language of the Ward & Paul bill to the Commission of 3/10/64:

Look at it again. It is in error. The error is duplicated on the worksheets, which I was able to obtain.

Perhaps the explanation is simple in terms of the Ford and possible involvement in getting the FBI a 1/21 transcript parts but I'd rather not just assume error is total.

The copy of the bill you got is identical with the one I've had save that it comes from a different copy.

The bill gives the number of pages for a 1/22 transcript as 30 for which there is a charge of 82 and a half cents a page. The worksheets estimate ~~26~~ 26 pages.

The estimate could have been made on the amount of time the reporter was with the Commission. But the bill gives only 4 more pages. I find it not easy to believe that the reporting firm would chisel on a little over \$3.00 when it was so badly screwed at the \$24.75 rate for the service. So, although the records do not show themaking of a transcript or its delivery and do show the confiscation, it is not impossible that a single transcript was made by the reporter, on the q/t. This would be a possible explanation of the 4-page difference, a ~~trifling~~ trifling sum being the difference.

At no point does it say when the notes were confiscated. The receipts actually show the destruction of the stenotypist's tape, which did not happen. So there is basis for question.

The reporter was Firshein.

On the worksheets the dates are switched some. 1/27 is in place of 1/21. There again is a difference in pages. The worksheets show actual 124 pp. for 1/27

I think that by dividing by the number of copies from the worksheets there is a different total for the pages of 1/21. From this bill it is about 80.

It has been a little time since I checked these records and I may recall inaccurately but I am fairly confident there is some confusion in them.

Maybe we should ask the FBI where the transcript is in the released pages? This also gets to the importance of the suit for the worksheets.

Best,

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By Wayne R. Rindell  
 Manager

Subscribed and sworn to before me this  
11 day of March, 1964.

Anthony S. Pastnyck

Notary Public, D. C.

My commission expires May 14, 1968

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