

Conversation and non-conversation with Asst. U.S. Atty, DC, Robert Werdig, 2/11/71.

It is now almost 5 p.m. I've waited until just about the end of the working day and the moment I must leave before making this memo because when he phoned me yesterday, Werdig said he'd get back to me and, with Monday a holiday, there is no more time before the day the papers in CA2569-70 must be filed, Tuesday.

He phoned me yesterday, a little before 1 p.m., introducing himself most informally as, "this is Bob Werdig". His apparent purpose was to respond to my letter of complaint over the cropping of the belatedly-supplied attachments to the motion he filed 1/13. He said this was a true copying of his and that he'd ask the Archives for untainted copies and would phone to read me what these legends say. He also said he wanted me to have plenty of time to make response, that they were nice guys and never pressure, etc. I told him I needed time only to complete the typing, if any, only a few days. He kept insisting I get another month (I didn't get a month). I told him the only reason I needed any was the delay in getting the attachments to me, that without this I'd be ready for sure, and he said he'd speak to the clerk of the court. I asked how about the judge, and he agreed that with this judge he should speak to the judge, and would. I told him I didn't want to run the risk of prejudicing the judge and was willing to file what I have Tuesday and ask permission for a few days, if needed, to get the rest in. He said it would be better to file it all at once, that he'd get me the time. I explained that these were long papers, why I felt it necessary that they be long, and that, while I'd have preferred time to integrate what I didn't have when I should have and reorganize, etc., to abbreviate, but that I was ready and willing to proceed under the existing conditions, etc. He kept being nice, kept saying he'd get me the time, so much that I wondered then and for a while if his transgressions had significances lost upon me. In any event, I did nothing to reduce the speed at which I'm trying to get this done, have all of it written and corrected preparatory to typing, get a girl to undertake some of the typing after work at home, loaning her our old machine for that purpose, for the more I thought of it with his previous record of trying to booby-trap me, I had no reason to trust him and anyway, I want very much to complete this and get to other work.

It is now after 5 and he hasn't called. I do not expect him to. It seems clear that he has set up another trap. If I'd listened to him the first time, I'd have defaulted. If he hasn't arranged a delay, I'll have defaulted this time, too. I won't.

Also, neither yesterday after he phoned nor today from about 8:30 a.m. was I out of the house until well after 5 p.m., and I was home last night from 5:55 p.m. on. It would seem he is unimaginative or has a low opinion of my intelligence. Of course, if he has arranged the delay, I'll learn it when I file the papers on Tuesday, as I will, in person.