

Telephone conversation with Aaron Asher (Viking) Friday 8 pm 5/27/66

Called to inform him of Ramparts reaction to ED's book; he says he has had to do complete about-face after months of steeling himself to absolute secrecy, now welcomes any and all publicity re INQUEST. Feels cannot stick to publication date end June as planned; review copies have gone out (100 mailed earlier today) and almost inevitable review desks will recognize major news story and pass the book to the news desks. Already signs intense interest building up...had call from Robert Donovan (I didn't quite get the affiliation or nature of the call). Urged me call if anything else comes up, will be home for the 3-day weekend.

