

Call from Ed Epstein Wednesday 7 pm June 15, 1966

The palmprint test he mentioned was the Mercader test ie take globe map and stretch out flat, will cause crowding and distortion. Never done; would show difference from palmprint found on carton if print on rifle legitimate.

Bob Considine spent 3 hours with LBJ, asked him about EE book; LBJ either had read it, or read about it. Told Considine that he had selected the panel from the broadest possible political spectrum and the panel had been unanimous. When Considine pointed out Senator Russell's dissent on major points, LBJ shrugged and said that Russell probably "had a few."

EE has been asked to go on radio with Lane and Weisberg, but refused. Was also asked by CBS to be interviewed solo by Mike Wallace; is thinking it over, is disinclined.

When Herald-Trib resumes, will run three major stories in some Sunday issue:-- (1) Page 1 news story on boook; (2) Richard Goodwin (former JFK speech-writer and very prestigious) book review in Book Week; and (3) Considine feature story.

Inquest sold 300 copies today, in NYC alone; 1000 copies a day sale country-wide means best-seller.

Der Spiegel and Paris Match doing stories on EE book; by end of week, expect to have sold foreign rights to every European country.

EE has been seeing senior editors of Time Inc and Life at parties; had long talk with senior Life editor re Zapruder film and Ford articles; showed him pictures of the shirt with hole; editor couldn't believe it, was wild because he supposedly had seen EVERY photo extant--but obviously, he had not.

The senate is reading the book.

Lane is panicking; sending wires to all and sundry announcing his book; trying to advance his date of public to early Aug or even late July; frantic to latch on to EE's publicity.

Commentary is doing a review; Podhoretz told EE Katzenbach gave him a ~~long~~ tongue-lashing for the early editorial; later on, met Katzenbach at a party and he cut him dead, in fury and hostility. Encounter (London) doing a review.

Jones Harris is now in Dallas with UPI; doing a big story; has some secret information, is checking; will be back in a few days.

EE met friend of Redlich's last night, somewhere; asked her if she was not furious; she said, no, sounds just like Redlich, works so fanatically doesn't see anything. ("honorable man").

Eisenberg when met with Viking lawyers, very apologetic; grateful for changes agreed by EE; promised make no public attack on Inquest; none of the lawyers have charged misquotation, which EE expected in single signed statement; no further word from them; EE feels Eisenberg is now switching to "neutral" position. (I think he is waiting to see which way wind will blow, then take the "right" position.)

EE did get FBI 1/13/64 report for Heibler - but he had not read it! Keeser said he saw copy evidence.

⊕ Goodwin will demand reconvening of WC!

Wise: "that's his problem"  
Fletcher Knebel - theory of why  
toward hostile - EE will do  
cutting counter-attack  
his space