

Telephone calls Tuesday night 1/19/71

Trent Gough called to ask information about terms and contracts for book publication. He is acting as "agent" for the author(s) of a script for a film to be made in Yugoslavia, in which a publishing house (he did not yet know the name) is supposedly interested. I told him what I knew about royalties, paperback rights, foreign language rights, etc. He had not gone to Dick Sprague's lecture to computer managers the night before.

Paris Flammonde had not gone to the Sprague lecture either, feeling it was the same familiar material we had all heard before. Long John had abdominal surgery; has been up and down in mood. Flammonde's galley proofs of the UFO book again expected by end of the week (or month). Also mentioned Jack Anderson column on 5 assassination attempts on Castro; Garrison attempt of 1/18/71 start perjury trial of Clay Shaw, whether double jeopardy is involved (on which we differed); appointment of Jim Alcock to the bench vacancy created by Haggerty's disbarment; HW book on the MLK/JERay case.

Tink Thompson His physicist colleague at Haverford, the one who had vetted Hoch's melon-tests paper, named as "co-conspirator" in the farcical "Kissinger kidnap plot" (the Berrigans)...pointed out to him the significance of the FBI part in this affair, as related to Dallas and LHO...which, when he thought about it, he agreed was potentially exciting...Mentioned also the declassification of CD's by the Archives, Bernabei's thesis--Tink was leery of it because if it was indeed valid, it should have been a cardinal and familiar principle of forensic medicine, I pointed out that few if any cases resembled that of JFK fatal head-shot, usually there is a plentitude of evidence to establish the direction and path, and that Bernabei thesis may be valid despite its "newness" since the JFK case is probably unique. Mentioned also the Jack Anderson/Castro assassination attempts column, other odds and ends. The Haverford physicist, returning from Gulabra Island PR where had organized resistance to the Navy, apparently gave press conference on 1/19/71 at which he said, yes, there had been discussion among the Catholic peace movement figures, but purely facetious discussion, of snatching Kissinger. Tink thought it was an ill-advised action (to hold the press conference), said he broke with the physicist some years ago (because his Catholic group relied solely on moral rhetoric, which Tink considered non-productive and futile), wanted to go into this further but not on the phone. Up-dated him on the Givens article; he has heard from his Augustin friends that the Tex.Observer is floundering badly.

Note

Had a short note from Dick Sprague enclosing bill and note from Berkeley on Accessories @ \$1.98, saying the vendor has 100 copies of the book. Sent Dick a note (no copy made) returning the papers he had sent, saying I had already heard from Berkeley and had ordered 10 copies, regretting that I had not been able to attend his lecture the night before, hoped it was a success, regards to him and to Gloria.