

Phonecall from Dave Lifton Thursday 6.55 pm June 16, 1966

Dave has had it with Ramparts; resigned in anticipation, after dark hints his "fate being decided." Last week the special supplement was cancelled. Last night there was an editorial conference, from which Dave Lifton was excluded by Welsh, to decide what to do about the WR. Everyone was there except Lifton. He feels Welsh didn't want him there because he sounds too good when he discusses the H&E, makes Welsh look bad. Atmosphere had become very formal; when Lifton asked questions about policy, Welsh gave him cold shoulder. (Turner may also be somewhat disenchanted; comes in only part-time; is doing book or some other project ~~with~~ with a publishing house, something on police work, not on the case.)

At the editorial meeting last night, they took decision to INTENSIFY the Warren Report Project! Latest decision is issue in September or October, maybe in tandem with McGraw-Hill, in book form, something like Four Days.

Ramparts sending four people to Dallas to poke around. Barbara Bridges was there last year, got some good tapes of witnesses--S.M. Holland, reticent but leading her on, offers to say yes or no but she does not know what questions to ask; he compares situation grassy knoll with "science fiction."

Welsh trying to keep control of the WR Project at any cost. Exchanged views with Lifton re Paul Hoke and Vince's discovery; Lifton attributes to "poor judgement; a mistake." Blew my stack (again).

Asked him if possible before he leaves Ramparts confiscate burn or destroy the photocopy of my ms. which I don't want them to have and to which they have no right whatever.