

So it must be obvious to you that you could have had this stuff had
313 H. St., NW
I saw it, remember, if I had ever indicated to you that I was
August 15, 1942
who suggested that I pick it up and mail it myself and you said to

Mr. Maxwell Lehman, Editor, I have them do it under Frank.
Civil Service Leader
97 Duane St., In addition, the local recruiting office will send you everything you need.
New York, N.Y. I can no recruiting although the NY address I gave should have been aids

Dear Max,

about the Coast Guard I wrote a long letter on this with
I am surprised, disappointed and insulted at Yarmon's letter and your
attitude. Before going specifically into Yarmon's charges let me point
out that there is no reason why you "couldn't" send me the money or an
inquiry during the past two weeks. I engaged to collect this data for
you and to be paid exclusively on the basis of the time it took, and

that is the basis of my contract. I never intended to do this for you
with whether or not you had the money. I was to be paid for my work
in that connection.

didn't know your bill had this stuff. For the same reason I had
particular was being revised. Just as an example of what your failure
to drop me a note since July has cost you: the Marine Corps here

misunderstood my request that they should call on you for the material
a certain date. They thought you had the money to do this. I had
I had carefully written this message to them, and they had not

I had no way of dreaming up this silly excuse for standing them up, even
but had I had the money to call on them during the past week it
it would all have been straightened out pronto. As it is, I have given

the marine corps down here all the questions you asked me last night and
have been told they will send all the material to you in a few days.
Previously I spoke to Riley Morre, who said she'd do what she could.

So it must be obvious to you that you could have had this stuff, had
Yarmon ever indicated that he had received it. Remember, it was I
who suggested that I pick it up and mail it myself and you who said to
have them do it under frank.

In addition, the local recruiting office will send you everything
can on recruiting, although the NY address I gave should have been able
to supply more.

About the Coast Guard: I wrote Yarmon a long letter on this, with
whatever data I could get. In the letter I refer to things sent that he
claims never to have received. I also carefully and repeatedly explained
not only that the whole thing was being revised but that it would not
be completely revised until after the 8th. I concluded this letter as
follows:

...were posthaste because I'll be out of town next week. If you have
3014, 1300 E. St., new Coast Guard Public Relations, will
undertake to reply to you by the end of the day.

And I had made this arrangement at the Post-Office...
What the hell more can be expected of me?

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I had...
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Well, enough on that. Its just th t whatever work I do I like to do well,
no matter how little or much I get for it. I can't work any other way,
and after rushing my balls off for you guys, dropping other, more profitable
work to do it (and I lost \$100.00 because I lost it to you).

or not, on a very simple thing that fall through because I couldn't
give it personal attention. I thought it was taken care of, but, like the
marines, it wasn't. I find that you are horsing around with paying me,
and Yarnon is cooking up insults. And while on this subject, and his
grine about how much money it is going to cost: Just check over the
number and kind of queries he sent me. He crapped around with what
appears to me to be unimportant compared with what you now lack.

Here is the situation, as of this afternoon, on the Coast Guard:

Riley Moore has spoken to a Lt. Luth., who is in charge of the
training. He will send you whatever they have printed or mimeographed.

I can't talk to him because he has gone for the day. She suggests, on
his recommendation, that write me any specific questions you may have
after going over what you get, and he says he'll answer whatever he
can. So far as I'm concerned, I'd prefer that you write them to him,

leaving me out of it, because I have too much to do. But if you prefer
me to do it I will, providing you give me advance notice of at least a
day, so I can try and squeeze it and my other work all in.

I wired you this morning "Coast Guard and Marine Corps material being
collected and sent in day of two." That is what Riley Moore told me,
and I expect the Marine Corps, as a consequence of my work, will do
that. What I did for you today is for nothing, but any work I do for you
following this on the book I can't do for nothing. I will do it at the
rate we agreed on, if you want me to.

I believe you said last night you'd send me the balance due today. In
case you didn't, please do so. It is something like \$21.00 for repayment
of expenses and about \$45.00 for time. You have the exact figures.

Frankly, Max, I don't like this kind of stuff, and I didn't expect there
would be any of it when I undertook to work for you. True, you paid me
of will, for the work, at a rate I agreed to, but I did it more as a
favor to the friend of a friend. Had I any idea I would be insured,
as I have been by Harmon, or that you would play games about reimbursing
my expenses and paying the balance due - or had I thought your estimate
of the time required was as wrong as it was, I'd not have undertaken the
work. And, from the things you wrote me and told me I thought you
rather liked my work. This is also a very surprising turn.
Well, now you know what the situation is. Unless I hear from you to
the contrary, I'm finished with it. And it must be clearly understood
henceforth that any work I do is on the basis of \$17.50 an hour
plus expenses, to be paid during the week following billing.
I'd prefer that you write them to him.
I still hope your book comes along well, goes to press soon, comes out
and sells as many copies as you become a millionaire.

Yours truly,
Harold Weisberg
I believe you said last night you'd send me the balance due today. In
case you didn't, please do so. It is something like \$21.00 for repayment
of expenses and about \$15.00 for time. You have the exact figures.