

9/26/74

Dear Harold:

I understand your position, clearly. The ^{approximate} terms are simple enough: 1) \$10,000 for research and script consultation; 2) salary as technical adviser on film; 3) 2% of producer's share of profits (predicted to be worth between \$100,000 and \$200,000).

The problem is that as of this date MLK does depend on RFK.

I will be in the D.C. area on October 16 and will call upon you. I hope by then that the above terms will be more than "talk." I'm doing my best despite unforeseen problems and the current economic panic and dry-up of funds.

Peace,

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10/4/74

Dear Don,

Your 9/26 came when I was on a Nashville and Memphis trip that was taxing, exhausting and I think events will show exceptionally successful.

I'll make a copy and send it to Dave.

My offhand opinion is that it is inadequate, but I'll let Dave decide because I am without experience in these matters.

My interest at 61 is not in predictions but in barrelhead stuff.

"\$10,000 for research and script consultation" is hardly a representation of what the research is either worth or has cost. The script consultation part could represent a return on new work of less than minimum wage.

"The problem is that as of this date MKK does depend on RPK" means less than pie in the sky to me.

Were ^{these} ~~this~~ to be basically fictional flicks I'd consider myself without basis for an opinion on which I could depend or that I'd offer without solicitation but in friendship. (Not that I have seen anything from Kimbrough that is far from fiction.)

The judgement represented by the sequence is not sound to me.

The Ray case is about to come apart in a superspectacular. And your people can't see the potential? Even were the odds against it they can't see it as a good business risk?

I do theorize but my opinions are based on fact. The fact is that with an ordinary case what is represented by the evidence held by the Ray prosecution would lead any judge less than totally corrupted to dismiss without the defense putting on its case. AT ALL.

I also wear two hats. The one I wore this past week closes my mouth.

But I do know with whom I was fighting, what I was fighting about, what I did other than fight with these characters, and what anyone less than a dumdum would have to conclude.

The Ray evidentiary hearings is scheduled for 10/22.

Put me down as one who will not be surprised if the State decides it has all to lose and nothing to gain by washing Memphis' dirty laundry. And concedes without a hearing, the one way short of unprecedented corruption it can save itself.

There will then be a ~~trial~~ trial.

And Ray will walk.

If he isn't killed first, the other alternative.

At which time.....

Sincerely,

P.S. Because we don't make loud noises and because the press has been ruined by ~~hats~~ but, the major advance in the rights of the accused in Habeas corpus cases that Jim and I have brought to pass, the legal work all his, has not been reported. It is, as in time you will learn, close to the non-Hollywood sense of "fantastic." New and unprecedented is beyond question.