

Dear Doc,

8/30/74

Our mail now crosses with greater regularity.

I can understand that in The Year of Our Ford, following the blessings of five of Nixon, budget increases are necessary. If it does not continue you'll be lucky.

And I also look forward to your hearing favorably from that Japanese group.

Everybody else is now buying the ~~United~~ United States. I hear even Puerto Ricans.

You say of Wakeford-Orloff "they are suing ^{David} Lifton and he is countersuing them. ~~They~~ ^{They} (apparently meaning W-O) can be stopped."

Because as I see it more than stopping may be involved, how about first being a little less cryptic and then getting me copies of their allegations if they have been filed in court.

Lifton has been in touch with Lesar twice recently without mentioning being sued or countersuing. He seems to have had no harsh word for W-O but to have said that he had completed his assignment for them.

I know Lifton to be as bright as he is unprincipled and unscrupulous. In this case he had no qualms at all about hiring himself out to steal the work of another. It was not the first time, although I know of no other instances where he did it for others or for pay.

And I knew of W-O's interest because they were in touch with me before you were, as I told you both without identifying anyone.

What I can't understand is why they found it necessary to steal when they could have bought safer and why they continued after I notified them I knew of it.

I do believe that both our interests indicate I should be fully informed as soon as possible and as there are developments. This gets into the area of my expertise in addition to that of my rights. It would, I believe, be better for me to know what is happening when it is happening rather than to have to try to put pieces together later.

Sincerely,

8/29/74

Dear Harold:

As stated, after the insurance all that remained was the incorporation. But in the interim the budget had to be increased about \$200,000 and that is now being raised but very slowly.

Re: Wakeford - Orloff; they are suing David Sifton and he is countering them. They can be stopped.

Hope to have good news from a Japanese group next week.

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