

2/8/70

Dear John,

Thanks for your letter of the 3rd and enclosure, which Caryn has sent me.

Yes, my interest is unchanged. I have also supplied the Betzner's with the affidavit requested - long ago, 12/12/70.

I am expecting further New Orleans transcripts. They say they do not have Shaneyfelt. If there are any transcripts of which you'd like a copy, if you'll let me know I'll make the necessary arrangements. However, until I get them, I do not know which I am getting. They are supposed to have been sent three days ago.

I look forward to meaningful responses to those letters I have written you to which you have not responded.

The character of what you did write, what you ignored and what you told me by phone caused me to take the time to check my files. Aside from what I have tried to tell you, there is more that is relevant. The state of this sorry affair discourages me from going into the detail I have. Whatever I say you will probably turn to serve your own ends and desires. However, I do owe it to you to let you know that you may be doing yourself and your reputation irreparable harm and getting yourself into a mess the likes of which you probably cannot imagine. To this I add one thing: that of mine which you are taking, despite your contrary word, I also offered LOOK. They will be in pretty bad shape if they take and pay you for what they declined when I offered it. LOOK is not the only part of that corporate enterprise that had this material.

Sincerely,

Dick- There may be a correlation between John's activity and his learning from you of Howard's discovery of the Tink-picture fragment. When you have time, I'd appreciate it if you could make a record of when you sent John what on these things. He wrote Howard, who gave him permission to use it, but intended only in court, as he will write and tell him. H was here when John called and heard me ask Bud's sec. if John had left a message for me. H also agrees I am right about the end of 399 and that the picture they now say they took for John is identical with mine. Is there any chance you may get here during your break? There are other areas in which I have been able to carry this same aspect forward, but I do not want to take the time or jeopardize it in the mail that is so overdue to both H and me. His takes even longer from you. What I now have is so promising I may jeopardize my own writing to use it & to protect us from John. Bud says legally he is in a mess than cannot be saved. We'll all pay for that. Bud's word is "hopeless". This is too painful to continue the way I feel. Copy to Gary only. H

Harold Weisberg



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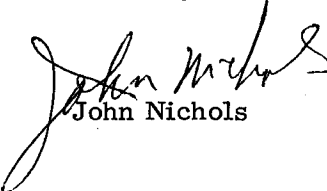
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Dear Harold:

Earlier this morning I received a letter from Mr. Schoener asking me to go ahead with obtaining prints from Mr. Betzner's negatives. He enclosed a copy of his most recent letter to Mr. Betzner a Xerox of which is enclosed.

If you want me to go ahead and have our photographer make a duplicate set for you I shall be happy to do so. I shall delay a few days before approaching Mr. Betzner until I have your answer.

Sincerely,


John Nichols

cc:
Mr. Schoener

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February 1, 1970

Mr. H. W. Betzner
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Dear Mr. Betzner:

Sorry that it's taken a month for me to get a reply off to you. I have been ill with the flu and generally quite busy, and to add to that the secretary misfiled my handwritten letter and didn't get it typed. I just came across it and am typing it myself.

I am sorry that the wording of my letter of November 10 caused such confusion. The offer from your son for which I was grateful was the one you relayed to me. I wanted to thank you for your trouble on my behalf and your son for his generosity. I was at all times referring to the offer which you communicated to me by letter--the only one we have discussed, and the one to which my affidavit refers.

I hope that this has cleared up the confusion and that the prints can now be made from the negatives your son owns, for both Mr. Harold Weisberg and myself. I will send a copy of this letter to Dr. Bohn Nichols. Sorry for this added trouble on your part.

Thanks again.

Sincerely,

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