

4/19/66 Saw Stern briefly, saying all the offers I made to "friendly extended to him, including willingness to sit and locate everything he wanted to check, that I hope for only an open-minded reading. He said could he not thus read it he would not at all. Showed him two pages from FBI report. He clearly got import, for he had first, at my request, recounted Commission's accounting for three bullets only. I told him my desire to see Mr. Bradlee was not to discuss the book (as I also told Miss Gomberg, his secretary), but to make him aware of some of the surrounding events and circumstances of it and the investigations and their potential. I am to retrieve a copy I loaned Miss Green next week and will check with ~~them~~ him then to see if he has any questions (I asked him to record them so I could answer them).

But I can only wonder how much "dispatch" when he appears to have read no more of it in about a week, and most others read it quite rapidly.

Miss Gomberg will phone me about an appointment with Bradlee, probably next Wednesday, which I said would require as little as five minutes.

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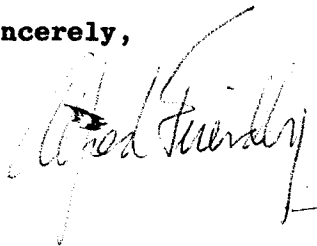
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Dear Mr. Weisberg:

I am leaving for a two-months' stint abroad at the end of this week, and whatever The Post is going to do with your manuscript, somebody else has got to do it. I feel sure that Larry Stern will fall to the problem with dispatch, either handling it himself or getting another qualified, high-class executive person to do it.

Meantime, I am sending all your correspondence to him.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Alfred Friendly". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the typed name "Sincerely,".