

Ned Crosby-Burke Marshall 6/16/72

Wednesday 6 14 Ross Ralston was here. So was Howard Roffman. After supper, as I was driving Ross to make the 7:50 bus to Washington, he mentioned having bumped into Ned on a University elevator and a conversation in which Ned recounted his efforts with Burke Marshall, on Ned's initiative. Ned told Ross he had flown to see Marshall. In the conversation with Marshall Ned asked when he would let Wecht see the film and told Ross he had explained to Marshall that there is contradiction between the panel report and the autopsy report, and that every interest, in his view, is served by letting Wecht see this stuff. What was immediately apparent is that Ned has used my work, which he had agreed not to discuss with anyone, and specifically, not with Marshall. There is no published work along this line and mine, that he had and had read and was to condense, includes a third that is precisely this. I asked Ross to get in touch with Gary and then to speak to Ned again. Apparently when I was not in the car but in the bus station, Ross and Howard had a conversation in which Ross expressed misgivings about having told me this. Howard told me of it later and that he had assured Ross my interest was not to hurt Ned but that I did have a personal interest to protect.

Ned told Ross of pressing Marshall and that someone else would see this film. ~~There would appear to have been more than one Ned contact on this. See Howard said that Graham pressed the ~~Marshall~~ Marshall had called Wecht when Wecht was out of town and had not called back. Had Wecht been the source, it would seem that he would then have phoned Marshall.~~

Ned did not tell Ross that he regarded Jackie as his client.

I also asked Ross to make and date a memo on everything in the conversation, if in no other way on tape. He said he would.

From earlier accounts and from the approximate timing of this, it is apparent that Ned's misuse of my work despite his obligation not to is conscious and follows my repeated reminder of the terms of our agreement that he breached, my requests for written assurances that he had not and would not breach the agreement.

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