

Harold Weisberg
Rt. 8, Frederick, Md. 21701
6/23/73

Dear Mr. Macrae,

Since our meeting in early May about the Outerbridge matter, I phoned Mr. Hamilton, as you suggested, and have sent carbons of my letters to Mr. Whitson since then. In almost five weeks, Mr. Hamilton has not responded to the last of my letters. As I then, not for the first time, told him, he cannot supply what he promised because it doesn't exist. This puts him in a delicate position that I can appreciate and I am willing to be patient a while longer, to give him time to think this through. He may thus be able to work something out that may find acceptable.

However, one of the other unnecessary problems that I raised with you is one with which I must now deal.

Under the contract, once I raised the question, Outerbridge had 30 days to prevent the reverting of the rights to me. I did raise the question and the rights thereby did revert to me last November. I believe it serves both our interests for this to be in writing.

I do not raise this for frivolous reasons. Two European publishers have approached me about a special kind of Watergate book, one with a concept that surmounts the breaking-story problem. What Outerbridge got from me was not a manuscript but a limited-edition book, already copyrighted. He did not use much of the original work. There are contents he did not use and some he did that I want to use now.

For this new reason, I would appreciate it if you would make a record for both our interests to the effect that the literary rights have reverted to me. It makes no difference to me what form this takes.

Meanwhile, if there is anything you can do to expedite an overall settlement, I would appreciate that. I believe one is possible and I believe that also serves every interest.

Sincerely,

Harold Weisberg



E. P. DUTTON & CO., INC. 201 Park Avenue South, New York, N.Y. 10003

June 19, 1973

Mr. Harold Weisberg
Route 8
Frederick, Maryland 21701

Dear Mr. Weisberg:

After speaking to you concerning the specific routing instructions for the bound books and sheets we have on hand for your book "Frame Up", I authorized our Inventory Control Department to make immediate prepaid shipment.

The bound books will be shipped from Hauppauge, Long Island, via W. T. Cowan to interline at Baltimore with Bealls Express.

The sheet inventory is warehoused at Colonial Book Bindery in Clinton, Massachusetts, and has been routed as follows: via (either) Lombard or Quinn Trucking to interline at Baltimore with Bealls Express.

I have also asked our bindery to ship to you any jackets which they might have on hand for "Frame Up".

I spoke to Mr. Keilholtz at Bealls this morning, and he was most helpful in supplying the routing instructions.

Your books and sheets should be arriving shortly. If you should have any problems or questions regarding these shipments, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

Fred A. Montella
Manager
Customer Service

FAM/gsw

cc: J. Macrae, III
I. Whitson