

Dear Jo,

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A few minutes ago I had a call from Rick. I have never told you anything about him except that he is a lawyer, has been a publisher, is publishing law today, and to my knowledge represents publishers, among other things.

His call was not prompted by what you know about the WE book. Rather it was something else. Rick had just told me that the printing of the Nixon Transcripts in the factory calling book is has over done. Naturally, he wanted to know if I had any ideas, and at that point I asked his permission to turn on the tape recorder, at which he laughed and agreed. For it happens that AT THE MOMENT I had precisely such a book in mind and because of it had sent a check to the OCU for multiple copies of the official copies. I then last Monday discussed with the head of the history dept at the local college the possibility of getting some summer work from students on this project.

I have also specified that while it is my idea and I expect a fair share, I also expect to be a consultant, made off the call suggestions at which he grabbed, and expect compensation as a consultant.

The Survivors of Chairman Richard, red covered, at he selected from the official copy and reproduced in facsimile by offset, whenever possible handwritten with necessary corrections from the same source and supplementary statements from his public statements on the same subject/material.

Because I do not go to all that I set out and because I want to do, regardless of profit, what I think is likely others will not, I was confident of my ability to do a reasonably simple thing. However, I happened to see a man with a reasonable amount of know with whom I know he has had a good business/publishing relationship. I told him that in the event this was declined, I had others in mind. First of all the two of you, and not only because you know the relevant materials but because you have such fine senses of humor. Kurt, Lenny, who is, as we all see, already too busy.

So, this is really to ask two things if the guy with the name won't do for it, would you, and if not, would you, as you read these observations, mark and their suggestions?

I think the time has come for something like this.

You should see the anecdotal, the book on which I almost sold the IFS some years ago, "If There Is Such a Place," the Friedheim papers, they might be called.

No time for other details because must leave momentarily and ending this then can speed the possibility of your reactions.

Best,