

Background FYI. Please return clip (no hurry). I met Obst shortly after he had split from Hersh and had started as an agent/arranger, etc. I was in the office of The Times of London when he came in to keep a lunch date with Ian McDonald, who had told me Obst and I should get together. Obst said same thing as they left and asked that I get in touch when free. I did on a number of occasions. He said he was and seemed to be excited. Had I doubted it I'd not have spent as much time calling him, getting a different and seemingly reasonable explanation or apology each time. I finally quit. I think I first told him he really wasn't interested and hadn't been and had been making on that he was, and I do think he agreed, explicitly or implicitly. As I learn who his new clients are, I also come to know what I have felt for a long time, that their friends do not serve well those who get into the kinds of trouble visited upon the anti-war people. The case against those who makes the cases against them could by now have been a powerful one, ready for use. Instead it remains almost entirely unknown and not even the lawyers are aware of the missed possibilities. H