

and had decided that if there is not a deal soon and if my wife
approves I'll go into debt further to bring this work out because I
regard its success now as certain -

I now have a copy of the work. Playboy had gone for it all the way up to Heffner
who, unexpectedly chickened out. The whole vast bureaucracy. So you hang onto the one
you have. If I can go further and if you have the time, I'd encourage you to start
planning a condensation because I remain convinced that the money is in it and that this
whole thing is so Byzantine that no popularization/condensation can survive without the
backstopping of the complete work. For you this would have the advantage of a head start
if I can arrange anything over here. If I have to go ahead with and can arrange another
of my underground editions I am confident it will generate more interest and there will
be interest in the popularization. My only concern with it is faithfulness and I know
that vast hunks have to come out in toto. But with the backstopping, much can be stated
without worry about the detail in the full work. I believe the shorter the better. Also,
I now have and can supply "new material." Important stuff, too. So there can be some
sales of both editions. With the interest in the subject, this can be a real factor.
Meanwhile, if what you may be able to work out is no more than a one-time newspaper use,
that can help a) with financing the full work over here and b) sales of the story else-
where, which can also help. So, knowing there is no certainty, I feel a little better
and I leave it in your hands, with thanks.

Sincerely,



THE SUNDAY TIMES

P.O. Box 7 200 Gray's Inn Road London WC1X 8EZ Telephone 01-837 1234 Telex 264971

18th June, 1975.

Mr. Harold Weisberg,
Route 8,
Frederick,
MARYLAND 21701,
U.S.A.

Dear Harold,

I got a cable from Willy Shawcross, asking for a copy of your book. However, as it happens, I have just managed to get some interest in it here. This, I think, is largely because of the subject of political assassination and the C.I.A. coming into the news again. I hope it will not be long now before I can give you some sort of a sensible answer on the various possibilities we discussed when I was in Washington last year. The book is now being read by Cal McCrystal, our Foreign News Editor, and I hope that it might be possible to work out some sort of deal. But these are only my hopes. I think it would be best if, in the time being, you let me act as go-between and I will keep you informed of any developments here. It doesn't help to have your agent 'phoning the Editor until interest reaches a certain point, if indeed it does. *Better if he phones me if he wants to phone.*

I am so sorry all this has taken so long, but I have continued to believe that something would eventually come of it, and that is why I hung on to your manuscript.

My very best wishes to you and hope that things are going as well as possible for you.

Yours sincerely,

Oliver

TIMES NEWSPAPERS LIMITED

Reg. Office P.O. Box 7 New Printing House Square Gray's Inn Road London WC1X 8EZ

Reg. No. 204645