

Meeting with Dan Green, National Observer, 7/9/75 HW 7/10/75

After several phone conversations in which Green was interested in FOIA suits the Observer could file on assassination and I offered the ancillary rights to PM he came yesterday after lunch and stayed until after 6:30.

He has worked for 15 years as an investigative reporter for Dow-Jones.

He appears to have been on this story for some time. Has an appointment with Dr. Humes for next week.

The agreement was that he'd use nothing he got from me and would not follow any lead which could lead him to duplication.

He did agree. He wanted to take a copy of the book with him. I said first I wanted assurance that if in their view is stacks D-J will deal. I said not a blind agreement without them seeing anything but I'd take his word on their seriousness of ~~attacking~~ intention. Minimum: first serial rights for a 5,000 print and others subject to agreement but available.

He wanted a sample of the kind of evidence I have. I asked him if he had seen the death certificate. He had. I got it and other material and asked him what this certificate meant to him. He mumbled something to the effect that it said what others said about the cause of death. I asked him if he saw any other significance. He said he didn't. So I said would he keep it confidential if I showed him what he missed in it? He agree. This was necessary because he already has it, having been able to get it because of the work I'd done getting it.

He appears not he have gotten copies of all of it. He he did have the part I showed him, about the non-fatal wound. He hadn't bothered to check that out on a body chart and didn't know the location. So, I showed him on his own back.

I gave him another of some of the other facts. He had difficulty understanding the meaning of the shirt pictures I have.

He believed the stuff the DJ p.r. people are putting out about the spectro/NAAsuit, intensely. So, also intensely, I asked him if he knew that all the tests had been done. He had talked to ~~g~~ Guinn and even Guinn was not hep to this. All he got from Guinn is that all the tests were inconclusive.

He is not satisfied that the brain even exists. He got the memo of transfer also. And knows that it came out as a result of my work. He has spoken to Wecht, who agrees it is unlikely the brain holds any real evidence.

We discussed aspects of a shot or shots from the front. He wanted to know the reasons for believing there could have been one to the head from the front and I explained the dust-like fragments. That there had been one to the neck I made specific and some of the reasons and proofs, etc.

Neither of us taped. He had brought a TC55 in a Schick container and knocked it off the table as he left. He took no notes.

As he left I told him that he had already spent more Observer money than it would cost to make this deal and still didn't have what they would be getting. He agreed and added that because of the attitude of papers to buying ancillary rights to the work of non-staffers I was right to seek to protect myself. This related to his agreement to confidentiality and to his reading of the book when it comes back from Playboy. (I told him this and other stories on on-publishing, in which he was interested and had questions.)

We also discussed aspects of the current suit and those I thought they might file on which I made a few notes just before he came.