

June 8, 1939

Mr. Stephan Bair
Dell Publishing Co.
750 Third Ave.,
New York, N.Y.

Dear Mr. Bair,

After writing you and mailing the letter I received the enclosed from Mr. Stephen Gross. It perhaps fortunately is the first I have heard from him.

To call this letter outrageous is to bestow a great kindness upon one who would seem to be in a class by himself in not warranting kindness.

As soon as I got the mail, I tried to phone you. During the time I was home you did not respond, hence I write. However, I would like to discuss this with you and would appreciate it if you were to call me at your convenience.

The third paragraph of Mr. Gross' abuse of fact and reality suggests to me that if he is at all better than a cheap crook we may have a delicate situation on our hands, for he would seem to have billed his client for exactly that with which you charged me and is at issue. The first paragraph is an invention, for what purpose I can only surmise. The fact is that Marty Singer, editor of Saga, who I had asked to speak to his publisher (all my dealings have been with Marty), asked that I give him an estimate of my costs, aside from those with which you charged me. I made an estimate, which did not include the very considerable time I had to spend investigating (may I interject that since there is nothing Bringuier could collect from me, for you and Saga). It was \$500 and was woefully low. In later correspondence, I reported that this was entirely inadequate, but anticipating decent treatment and intending fairness, I have not changed it. I now will end get it closer to reality.

There is no Saga contract. I made no warranties, was asked for none. The original suit was against them. They immediately asked my help, and I dropped everything and began working on Bringuier. Plunkert immediately offered to pay his own way, as I believe I have reported to you. I have never had a word from him, never a single response to any phone call or letter. I finally resorted to and have return receipts.

There is something I would like to discuss with you, and that is your failure to charge them their fair share of the costs instead of assessing it all against me. Prior to your doing that, as I hope you will, I would like to discuss with you how we can fairly arrive at my actual costs, for some of the time I worked on more than Bringuier while I was working on him.

Sincerely,

Harold Weisberg

KRAUSE, HIRSCH & GROSS

41 EAST 42ND STREET
NEW YORK, N.Y. 10017

ATTORNEYS AT LAW

GEORGE J. HIRSCH
SYDNEY KRAUSE
JACK GROSS
ELLIOT L. KRAUSE
HYMAN GOLD
CHARLES SINGER
JOSEPH J. SALVATORE
LEWIS KRUGER

JOSEPH L. PLAN
SALVATORE A. ADORNO
STEPHEN H. GROSS
JAMES D. GLASS

CABLE ADDRESS
KRAUSHIRSH, NEW YORK
(212) 986-1122

June 3, 1969

Mr. Harold Weisberg
Route 8
Frederick, Maryland 21701

Dear Mr. Weisberg:

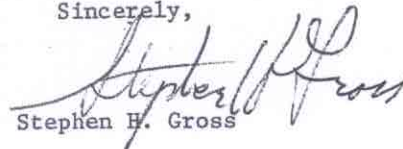
A number of weeks ago our client, SAGA MAGAZINE, conferred with us as to the request set forth in your letter of February 22 for \$500 in connection with the New Orleans litigation.

We have recommended to our client that in the event you execute a general release in favor of SAGA MAGAZINE, GAMBI PUBLICATIONS and their respective officers, directors, employees and agents, that a check in the sum of \$250 be issued to you immediately thereafter.

We understand that you incurred certain expenses in connection with the New Orleans lawsuits but they were indeed trifling by comparison with the expenditures of both Dell and our client, including prolonged and frequent telephone conferences, legal research and preparation for the affidavits and pleadings, the expenses for all of which are readily documentable.

Our client's offer for payment of \$250 to you in exchange for the release is predicated in large part on the desire to put an end to this entire matter. If, however, the proposal above set forth does not meet with your approval, may we suggest that you respond directly to your attorney and through him communicate with us further on this matter.

Sincerely,


Stephen H. Gross

SHG/smc

KRAUSE, HIRSCH & GROSS
41 EAST 42ND STREET
NEW YORK, N. Y. 10017

Mr. Harold Welsberg
Route 8
Frederick, Maryland 21701

