

Telegraph 4/5/68 Saw Steve Barber this am, got back book which he thinks more than establishes ease and is fine and persuasive. He agrees with Frewin on playing it cool. Told me Howard said Bradlee is afraid of me, even though we have never even spoken or met, and that it is Bradlee not friendly.

I told him of letters from Harbord agreeing to represent me, of Frewin's enthusiasm despite not having read it, that his senior editors were (Steve said the publishers never do themselves) that he'd be back to me as soon as he read it himself, and of his question, with whom was he to negotiate. I told him I had sent H. a copy and had said I would be bound by any reasonable agreement H made and for them please to negotiate. I said I supposed this meant all further arrangements would be made or not made in England, he agreed, and I also said I'd let him know if I heard anything, keep him posted on anything else that developed, and would he likewise? Yes. Gave him Fri and Sat phone no.

There is a typographical error in the footnote that he called to my attention, from which I was encouraged, for this indicated at least a spot check. Fast check in his office indicates error in vol. no.

He also gave me several names, that of a person with a new publishing company in Md. (att) and of Philip Q. Voss, director of international studies for the American Enterprise Assn. With Loy Henderson and his State Dept connections on the board of the letter and the husband of the woman to whom he was referring me on the former, I wonder aloud if there were any chances, and while he thought this would make no difference, he also suggested not seeing too many people at one time. When the State Dept was mentioned, he referred to the book and said that part was quite persuasive, especially when one considered the activities of the Frances Night office, and he made comment about the harmful consequences of the distribution of raw data, which often resulted in needless and wrongful ruin.

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