

3/26/66 Saw Stephen Barber yesterday. He continues excited about the book and believes his (Sunday:) editor Brook Shepherd, especially because of his wartime intelligence experience, will be excited. He tried to phone Shepherd (after six Condon time) and found him between office and home. He said if there were not in touch last night he'd phone today and then call me. He did.

Shepherd is quite anxious to read it and Barber is to airmail him the Thermoaxed copy I gave him yesterday. I'll take him another as soon as I can, because he wants to read it. Shepherd told Barber he has a verbal agreement from Frewin to give Telegraph first refusal. Shepherd also told Barber "he got the impression that Frewin hasn't read the book but is very ~~intereasted~~ enthusiastic about it". In discussion of the publishing history in this country, Barber told Shepherd of the letters from publishers he had seen and then Shepherd said that once it has appeared anywhere "the cork will be pulled".