

Dear Jim,

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You will recall that I had an uneasy feeling after the call from Chester, of the London Sunday Times WG team and phoned you. He was to have phoned and come up. He asked for instructions., etc. But I have not heard from him and I rather suspect he is busily ~~stuck~~ engaged in trying to pick up what I told Gillie about in confidence and for a definite proposal to his people. One of the more suspicious little things is that he did not identify himself as a member of that potboiling team.

Of course, this was not at all what I expected of the Times, in fact or in person. It may seem natural to put an "expert" on the story, but I did not propose a story and the expert is a competitor with an ego problem, having failed to garner all that I have.

I did write the letter you suggested. But it has just come back to me that I almost immediately also wrote a letter to the one agent I have, in London. That is, Gillie, the reporter, left here the evening of the 10th and I wrote my agent the morning of the 12th.

If I hear nothing from Chester by the end of the week I suppose I should write Evans, the editor of The Sunday Times, with a carbon to my agent. While it is unfortunate that it was awkward to make two tapes and Gillie had to take something back to make a proposal, I do have a record of telling Chester that this was all in confidence, as part of a proposal, telling him what the proposal was, and saying that I was willing to deal with him on the same basis of confidentiality I had with Gillie.

On another subject, I'm getting bad vibes about something I would like to discuss with you. Do you expect to be here again soon? Our detail checks are now due and Lil is to make a Thursday appointment for a mutually-convenient one, Thursdays being the only free day we have when the dentist's office is open.

Yesterday's story on the De Diego deal reveals a lingering of the Cessell original attitude on the President's right to ignore the Fourth Amendment and a hangup on all investigatory files, even when the defense claims the legal need for them. Yet according to last night's TV news, he gave the defense all the WH files and subpoenaed them.

Best,