

11/12/65/ Phoned Stern pursuant to letter of 10/20. He professed not to have gotten a letter. I explained what I had done in it and he still said he hadn't gotten. At end conversation, when I referred to tracing, he recalled getting that. He offered to mail it (it was at his home) but since at the earliest it could not get to me in time for use before I go to New York I told him I'd pick it up next week, and would let him know when I'd be in. He offered to keep it in desk, and I told him if he wanted to read it, keep it home until I spoke to him. I said I'd like him to read it, if he wanted to. I mentioned my desire to have him read it even though I felt the Post had a policy against the contents of the book. He denied. I referred to the Mintz piece on Trevor-Roper, autopsy, saying that while Trevor-Roper had made a mistake in a single word, which had been seized upon, his facts nonetheless were correct, as I proved. With autopsy, I said that what Salandria had said was right, not disproved, and its fault was that it wasn't as complete as it should have been. Especially because of Mintz's honesty I thought this reflected policy. We left it there. I also said that when Mac has asked me which chapters if there would be time for only 4-5, I specifically said autopsy, because I wanted to face their challenge