

June 8, 1969

Mr. Stephen Bair  
Dell Publishing Co.  
750 4<sup>th</sup> Ave.,  
New York, N.Y.

Dear Mr. Bair,

After writing you and mailing the letter I received the enclosed from Mr. Stephan 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 wanting 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 he 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 that purpose I can only surmise. The fact is that Marty Singer, editor of Sage, 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 Sage). 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 Sage 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 my 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