

April 27, 1969

Mr. Stephen L. Beir  
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Dear Mr. Beir,

Your letter of April 23 in response to mine of April 21 bears signs of what I interpret as undue haste. You say, "I do not understand your interpretation of the accounting as being for a joint venture". I do not so understand it. That is the description at the top of the accounting sheet you sent me.

If I accept your interpretation of Paragraph 5 of the contract, I still do not believe it is applicable. I have reread that joke of a complaint of the racist Bringuier and at no point in it does he allege there is a single error, misinterpretation, exaggeration or even an unkindness. This Paragraph does not cover all law suits of all kinds, only those it defines. In his failure to make such an allegation, I believe his complaint fails to meet this definition.

Although I have a reputation for having an unusually good memory, I recognize it can be a fragile thing. In the course of moving some of my records have been mislaid. If it serves any purpose, I might find that of your phone call, which I took to be the assurance Dell would bear the expense of the suit. This is why I surrendered what was to my interest and what you made clear was your personal desire, that we fight the rascal. You also made clear that the decision could not be yours, which I do understand. My interest is in exposing such men of evil, who I regard as enemies of the country and a danger to all decent people (especially Jews and Negroes). The work I do has caused such indebtedness there was no chance of his collecting anything from me. However, to protect you I conducted an extensive investigation, in the event the case went to trial. I have enough to convict him of a serious crime. I very much wanted to have him in court, on the stand, and before that in a discovery proceeding. This also would have advanced the purposes for which I do this work. Because I understood you to have assured me Dell was bearing the expenses (and my own were great) I bowed to your desires, as Bill Lucas explained them to me. I am confident he will tell you that I did what he asked even when I didn't want to, when he knew it was against my desire.

In any event, your letter is not consistent with your word when we spoke a month ago. I do hope you will look further into this and reconsider. I have not yet heard from "Sage".

Sincerely,

Harold ...