

IVAN OBOLENSKY, INC.

1114 First Avenue N.Y.C., (10021) Templeton 8-1649

December 15, 1964

Harold Weisberg, Esq. Hyattstown, Maryland

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Re: The Warren Commission Report

Dear Mr. Weisberg,

This is to confirm to you that our meeting of December 15 and the statements made therein are of a confidential nature and we assure you that such information will not be revealed or otherwise communicated.

In the event we cannot reach a decision to publish your book on The Warren Commission Report, I want to confirm to you that this firm will as a consequence bar itself from publishing any book on this Report, directly or indirectly, except with your prior approval.

In consideration of the above, without committing the author to any arrangement, he will guarantee us a First Refusal.

Very sincerely yours,

Ivan Obolensky

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John Ledes, Business Manager

Accepted-

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January 4, 1965

Harold Weisberg, Esq. Lawrence Brown, Esq.

Re: THE REPORT

Gentlemen,

This is a preliminary letter agreement setting forth the material terms of our arrangement for the publication of the above subject book.

It is agreed that on or about February 15, 1965 you will deliver to us a final manuscript of the above REPORT. During the period inbetween you may deliver to us, from time to time, sections of such manuscript. You will further deliver to us a name index and we will arrange to have set in type, printed and bound a book to be offered for sale on our Spring, 1965, list, at our earliest possible opportunity. You will deliver to us the necessary material to be reproduced in the book as documentary information which we will include in the Appendix and with the understanding that the book will not in toto exceed 576 pages.

In consideration thereof we shall agree to pay you on account of royalties an advance of \$1,000 payable \$500 on signing and \$500 on acceptance of final manuscript. A royalty scale will be computed as follows:

10% of the retail price of all sales to 15,000 copies 12% to 25,000 copies, and 15% thereafter.

It is understood that in the event the size of the book exceeds 576 pages, the royalty rates set forth above for each category shall be reduced by 2/1/20 of the retail price. The standard royalty adjustments in our standard form contract would apply herewith on discounts of 46 to 48%.

As to all Subsidiary Rights, the net amount received by the publisher will be split 50/50 between co-authors jointly and publisher.

The standard representations and warranties apply.

Ivan Obolensky, Inc.

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The contract will provide that Ivan Obolensky, Inc. will act as agent in the sale of Subsidiary Rights on behalf of the parties, at the standard agency commission of 10%.

Lawrence Brown as writer and co-author will receive 50% of all net monies due the authors up to \$10,000. From \$10,001 on Lawrence Brown as writer and co-author will receive 30% of all monies due the authors up to \$25,000. After \$25,001, Lawrence Brown as writer and co-author will receive 10% of all monies due the authors with one following proviso:

That royalties of the above and in the case of any prizes or awards that are made on behalf of the book, such prizes both in remuneration and in the honor bestowed by name shall be shared equally between Lawrence Brown and Harold Weisberg on a 50/50 co-authorship basis.

For the sake of distinction between the parties, while both are tantamount to co-authors in the project, Mr. Lawrence Brown is designated as the writer and Mr. Harold Weisberg is designated as the author.

It is understood that both parties shall appear by name on the book on an equivalent status of co-authorship except that, if necessary, Harold Weisberg shall take precedence only in first mention.

Ivan Obolensky

Accepted:

Harold Weisberg, Esq.

Lawrence Brown, Esq.

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John G. Ledes, Business Manager