

Dear Jim, Zebra visit,

3/15/77

Walter, Roberta and counsel Jerry whose last name I never did get but seemingly a nice person were delayed getting here because of a bad accident on the Beltway that stacked traffic up. They had another, a Kimsey interest on which I was able to help them. This took some time, at a pleasant lunch with Kim's lady friend who is our friend. Then we came back here and were together until a little after five.

It seems to have gone as well as one could expect. They originally talked about the broad sweep of the work and three books a year. I said I could do that and would like to but I'd prefer not to have to contract to deliver that much on the chance it could interfere with FOIA work that could mean even more books but I would if they preferred this. The alternative is we see how it goes on the first book, to which I also agreed. But they seem interested.

After we met with them Walter apparently too much more seriously than he pretended to when we lunched three weeks ago and he was honest about it. They will have to consider what might be done to David Geller in retaliation. He did not come but said he'd go along with what they decided.

Roberta said little, leaving that up to Walter. Jerry had his interests and with one exception I satisfied him with records, with that on my word. The lawyer in him had trouble believing that the FBI is giving me this stuff on a verbal arrangement in court. I told him it is in the transcript, showed him the transcript and offered it. He did not want to take the time.

I showed them some Kelley letters, gave them a copy of the Dugan supplement that Jerry said he wanted, showed them the extent of the files - it bugged their eyes - and told them they were welcome to browse. They took my word. I showed Roberta how I am setting up a writing file of extra copies to eliminate the problem of having to thumb through 2323 which I have tabbed. But I was able to find samples of everything in which Walter expressed an interest. Jerry said he had never seen such documentation. When they left he was alone with Lil and told her how impressed he was and how much he was pleased at having met me, etc. It wasn't necessary so maybe he meant it.

They do have in mind setting up a separate corporation we'd own jointly for the work I do, which would include books I bring in, of which they know of a couple. This would isolate Geller. I'd also have a regular salary plus 50%. If this happens it will mean salary only and all expenses would be borne by the corporation, like all court and xeroxing costs, etc. I think the problem here will be their having been burned on a similar arrangement of the past.

We went into the kind of help I need to be more efficient and more productive and my desire for editing, preferably here, before retyping. They began to think of people who might...

They were here when you called and when Howard <sup>B</sup>ray did about tonight's Star.

They seem to like the simplified format and structure. If they have any other ideas they did not express them. They are taken by Tiger and fascinated by Agent Oswald and with a limited exposition of the liabilities of The Unimpeachment are interested as you will know before you receive this. The rest is a question of time and decisions.

Hastily,