

Mr Alan J. Kaufman  
New American Library

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Dear Alan,

Many thanks for your memo dated 6 July 82 to Elaine, a copy of which I have in front of me. I deal with the points seriatim, as English lawyers say.

1 (a) If you think about this for a minute you will realise it is impossible. If we gave the manuscript to the CIA and asked them to let us know, we would be giving them the right to censor the book. This I am not prepared to do, nor, I suspect, is NAL. Following your principle would also give everyone else ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~ the right to censor the book simply by saying they were CIA Agents.

1 (b) Merv Stauffer is obtaining releases from the EDS employees. When the MS is finalised let's you and I go into detail about the others.

2 (a) Interviews with Brzezinski, Sullivan, and others to come; 'Mission to Iran' by Sullivan, 'Debacle: The American Failure in Iran' by Ledeen & Lewis; New York Times cuttings Dec 78 through Feb 79; my own opinion.

2 (b) Interviews with EDS people; correspondence with Precht himself. I have sent the MS to Precht and await his comments.

2 (c) Hearings before the Committee on Banking, Housing and Urban Affairs, United States Senate, Ninety-fourth Congress, First Session, 25 August 1975.

2 (d) Harry Simons and Bruce Simons have already given releases. When Perot has all his releases, I have asked him to send ~~ne~~copies.

2 (e) Yes.

2 (f) Okay.

2 (g) Why?

2 (h) Okay.

2 (i) This is an exchange between Sullivan and Newsom, not Brezinski. The sources are the books by Sullivan and by Ledeen and Lewis mentioned above. Sullivan has told me, in a letter, that he did not say "Go fuck himself", and I have told him I will change it if he will tell me what he really did say.

2 (i) Okay.

I hope all this is helpful. Please let me have your **futhher** comments.

With all good wishes,

Yours,



Ken Follett.