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6. [ ] emphasized that [ ] may well be merely "feeling out the market" with their inquiry to [ ] and it was agreed that there is evidence in the correspondence to indicate that [ ] has had some type of preliminary discussions with the [ ] which could prompt such an inquiry.

7. It was agreed that the following action would be taken:

a. [ ] will have the material received from [ ] examined to determine precisely what we have received.

b. SR Division will advise [ ] of the course of action as soon as they have received replies to their inquiries [ ] to [ ]

c. [ ] will determine the present location and availability of the photo offset plates, and will also obtain a full accounting of funds received and paid out in this operation.

d. Until the above questions are resolved no payments to [ ] will be made, the plates will not be picked up from wherever they are at the moment, and no further action will be taken by [ ]

8. The remainder of the meeting was devoted to a short briefing of [ ] by [ ] on certain aspects of the [ ] operation.

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Commercial Staff

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July 10, 1958

Dear [redacted]

I am sure you understand that the inability of your clients to come to a decision before I leave the city means that, for my part, anything I have had to say about phase two goes by the board, and any proposals hereafter by your client will have to start from scratch.

I shall be at the [redacted] San Francisco, Calif., from Sunday, July 13th through the 17th. From Sunday, July 20th until Thursday, July 24th, I shall be in Chicago at the [redacted]

The following week I can best be reached through my New York office.

I shall return to New York Monday, August 4th.

Thank you very much for your cooperation.

Sincerely yours,

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18 July 1958

MEMORANDUM FOR: The Record

SUBJECT: AEDINOSAUR Meeting of 17 July 1958

1. [redacted] SR Division met with [redacted] of the Commercial Staff on 17 July 1958 in the CM Library to discuss the latest developments in the AEDINOSAUR case.
2. [redacted] pointed out that [redacted] had contacted SR Division and had informed them that the [redacted] was planning to publish the book in question. [redacted] was interested in knowing the extent of SR's interest in getting copies. SR requested [redacted] to determine where the [redacted] obtained the plates, whether they had the rights, and the cost per copy of the edition they plan to publish. [redacted] is to advise SR of this information on Friday, 18 July.
3. [redacted] announced that he had picked up a package during his latest visit to New York which it was assumed contained the plates for the book. The package was opened at the meeting and was found to contain the manuscript and what appeared to be plate proofs, but it did not contain any plates as such. [redacted] stated he would take the material and have it examined by technicians familiar with printing processes to determine its exact nature.
4. As regards the recent rumors as to European publishing of the book, [redacted] advised that Feltrinelli, the Italian publisher, had no facilities for publishing the book in Russian, but that he had contacted [redacted] in [redacted] to try and make arrangements for publishing in the Russian language.
5. SR Division has initiated an inquiry [redacted] requesting that they explore with [redacted] the possibility of our making a gift of the plates to [redacted] on the provision that they print the book in time for normal commercial distribution at the time and location targeted for in this operation. Should this be agreeable to [redacted] SR Division will follow this course; if not accepted by [redacted] consideration will be given to printing a black edition and distributing it through covert channels in the target area.

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