

MEMORANDUM

TO: Ken Follett
FROM: Merv Stauffer
DATE: December 3, 1982
RE: The Third Draft

The third draft is very, very good. I feel you have captured the characters; and, you have the story. My comments are few:

1. Page 132, Paragraph 2

Some of the team arrived at the lake house before Col. Simons and I arrived; and, I had the key. Schwebach was able to pick the lock on a window and gain entry. No windows were broken.

2. Page 350, Paragraph 5

My understanding is that Col. Simons did not leave drinking alcoholic beverages as an option; but, in spite of this, Gallagher and maybe Gayden did quietly spike their coffee.

3. Page 508, Acknowledgements

The individuals who typed the transcriptions were Sally Walther, Claire Woodward, Linda Huff, Cheryl Hibbitts, Becky DeLuna.

In addition to these few comments I would like to make one other observation. I don't feel you have accurately portrayed Boulware. This may be directly related to what he has told you. For example:

1. Page 368

I don't believe, at that point in Boulware's life, he was questioning whether he wanted to be his own man or Perot's man. At that point, he was dedicated to EDS.

2. Page 369

At that point in Boulware's life he would never, never have talked to Perot saying "Damn it Ross, I don't have time for this".

3. Page 141

If Boulware stood up against Simons regarding dress, and I don't believe for a minute that he did, he would have been the first and only person to stand up against Simons in a matter that was potentially important to the success of the mission.

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In summary I believe that the portion of the book dealing with Boulware reflects an air of independence and arrogance on his part that did not exist in January, 1979.