MEMORANDUM

To: BW <-
CC: JSW <-
From: Bob Love <-
Re: STORY PROPOSAL <-
January 14th, 1998 <-

John Holmes, the porn-film actor is dying of AIDS in a VA hospital in Southern California. This fact is not widely known; it has been reported somewhere that he is dying of cancer. He is, to my knowledge, the first major star in the porn industry to get AIDS, and when he dies I expect that a great hue and cry will rise up about the adult film industry and its practices. Holmes has continued working until recently and has had sex with practically all the women working in the business. Also, Holmes, as you probably know, was a heavy drug user -- freebase, etc -- and served time in jail for his connection to a drug-related murder that took place in his home. <-

I think we should at least consider doing a feature on the life and death of Johnny Wadd, as he was billed in X movies. Granted, it is kind of a sordid subject, but in the hands of the right writer, perhaps something more can be wrung out of this sad tale. (Kurt is interested in doing the piece.) <-

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After all, porn is a multi-billion dollar business that touches the lives of most Americans \( N-1 \) more than ever since the advent of the VCR. Since its heyday of acceptance, when Johnny Carson gladly welcomed Linda Lovelace to his show, the business has lost what little lustre it possessed during the pre-AIDS era of sexual freedom. <-

In many cases, the old pros have dropped out of the business and the newcomers \( N-1 \) many of them prostitutes and runaways \( N-1 \) continue to churn out cheap product, thanks again to video. Needless to say, the money still flows like water in this business and the talk on the sets between takes is about investments, just like good little MEAs. <-

This story could be interesting for what it could tell us about the current mood of sexual crackdown, about the kind of people who work in porn, about their lifestyles, and about the extent of the alleged exploitation/abuse that actually goes on. <-

We should interview the better known/more successful women in the biz: Annette Haven, Candida Royale, Ginger Lynn as well as some of Holmes' comrades. We could also talk to some of the women responsible for the feminist pro-porn book, 'Caught Looking.' <-

It's a subject in which more people are interested than care to admit it. Are we?

(END)
so easy to talk to.
Give us a call when you're in town again, and as Sarah puts it: "The wonders of Tommy Venges can be explored."

Take care, Dawn

P.S. Can't wait to read Thailand story, also copy John's report.
Hi Mike,

Finally finished reading your articles. I liked them, especially Midlothian. Looking forward to reading more.

Thanks for being
Mr. Gerald Chaleff  
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January 9, 1989  

Mr. Chaleff:  

As I hope you will recall, I am a contributing editor at Rolling  
Stone magazine, currently at work on a project involving John  

Now, I realize you've got cases to try and interests to protect.  
I realize also that there is a snowball's chance that you would  
condone any meeting between myself and your client, Mr. Nash. But  
that's not what I'm asking. Let me state my case:  

Having combed the public record— in civil court alone there were  
26 cases, not to mention criminal proceedings and newspaper  
articles— the picture of Mr. Nash I have gleaned seems rather  
bleak and one sided; my experience as a journalist tells me that  
there is more to a man than court actions and bad publicity, and  
I'm doing all I can to round out my picture.  

This story has been commissioned. I've put in a lot of time. My  
magazine has spent a lot of money. It will be written. However,  
it could be a much better story, both from my point of view and  
from Mr. Nash's, if I could learn something about his other, non-  
criminal life. The man, from what I've heard, started with  
something resembling a hot dog stand. Twenty years later, he had  
15 to 30 million dollars. Truthfully, that's impressive. From the  
fifties, when he came to this country, to 81, there is no record  
of criminal proceedings against him. Could he have done something  
during that time that would be worth including in a story?  

I know you're a damn good attorney— I've read your clips too—  
I'm not trying to pull anything off. I'm hoping maybe you could  
pass along the enclosed clips to Mr. Nash's brother, Schel "Sam  
Nash" Nasrallah with some sort of blessing as regards an
interview with me. I would agree to speak with him on a "not for attribution" basis. I would agree not to ask questions about any current case. I'm flexible. I just want information.

I'm asking, I guess, for a break. I'll be back in LA for ten days, beginning January 13. I can be reached, now or anytime, though my office in Washington DC, (202) 462-0663. Thanks in advance for your consideration.

Regards,

Mike Sager
Mr. Sager,

After our conversation on the telephone I realized the information that was relayed was only about matters of public record. There remains so many possibilities in this story and hopefully it will not be a repeat of Playboy Magazine, entitled “The Harder They Fall.”

This story contains more than just facts. The circumstances also involve the personal aspect before and after. No one can imagine the psychological impact on David Lord, his family, friends, and of course myself. The media portrayed us all as some kind of addict needing a fix, and that bothers me.

You are a freelance writer who has at your disposal the avenues I need to place my experiences into print. After a couple of years of brain work it seems that we could receive sufficient monetary rewards to make this effort worthwhile.

We really felt
To portray the chain of events that lead to one of L.A.'s bloodiest murder cases. The guns that make this case have nothing to do with David Lind, only myself knows.

Take the time to look at the whole picture and consider the future possibilities. If you cannot be the needed witness than plug me into someone else. Respond as soon as possible.

Very truly yours,

Tracy W. Court