

Dear Jim,                      Objection of 1/19/77 in 75-1448                      1/22/77

After you left yesterday I read this. I like it so much it is indirectly responsible for me having not so good a day today. As I sat and thought about it and then wrote you much time passed. Meanwhile, I was oblivious of how much I was drinking. Until today. I did not get drunk I never do, not in years. If I feel it I stop. I drink to relax, often because I enjoy it. But not to get drunk. I guess it was a combination of emotion and all the time I just sat and thought.

The starkness of your statement of my impermanence did not shake me up. I've been aware of it. And you will recall it was on my mind in the draft of a letter to AG I gave you.

The emotion came from the need for a new direction, the one you have begun to take, I think the right and necessary one. You did it very well in this, more so because you had so little time.

What I wrote can wait.

I think it helped me put my thoughts on this together.

I say nothing new when I say the problems of compliance, meaning non-compliance, comes down to judges. They put up with too much when they are not part of it. The only way to address this is to address the judges.

Green's retaliation against what I said is obvious. Nothing I can do about that now. Having it in the record, to Dugan's face and him unable to say any more than what can I say, not even making or daring pro forma denial, means more to me than expedited production fees.

We now have a comparable situation with Robinson.

In this one I think we need in the record that I was effectively denied my rights under the law in that discovery was made into a practical impossibility to the point where the alternative was to proceed now or wait until ~~some~~ some time in the far distant future. And that the delay is also a denial. Maybe that if I am denied an opportunity to show the court that its trust is being imposed upon by testing credibility, even truthfulness, the court is handicapped.

I do not see that any of this presents any problems to you but if doing it does let me be the one who does such things. No matter how unjustified it may be there can be an attempt to do something for you. I want no such risks.

What you have done is fine. It goes the way we have to go. Thanks,

best,