

Dear Jim,

7/29/84

Re the draft of your letter to Dan "etcalf":

In your opinion, which I accepted, he is an honest conservative - conservative but honest.

The letter your propose gives him a chance to prove it, either way.

It is good in that it limits to the totally unpardonable, t he one and very simple thing.

I would suggest some way of separating the last sentence, perhaps as a P.S., to reduce the chances of his writing you that from the time he left Civil he has had noth ing to do with the case and hence has no personal knowledge, or that he had had nothing//to do with the brief or its preparation.

I also think you have to write something like this and that it was right to delay until after the brief and reply briefs were filed.

The more I think of it the more I believe that the last sentence should be a P.S. Otherwise I have no changes to suggest. It is good.

But I'll be surprised if you get a response.

He may be an honest conservative in that he honestly adheres to conservative belief but my experiences do not give me any reason to believe that as most people regard honesty he is at all honest.

I'd like very much to be wrong about what he'll do.

But if he doesn't answer, of course, you have a kind of response

Best,