

Dear Jim,

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I've thought some since writing the enclosed last night and believe you really must raise real hell, with many people, not just let Metcalfe soft-soap you again. Regardless of what you may think of him, you really must come to the point where you just don't accept his word again without his really doing something now. Every time he has given his word it has been worthless, going back to our first meeting with him, before they went to Dallas to get the records. He came back with less than all the required records and he did not abide by the agreement to have the first 5,000 pages of processing examined by Shea and me. So even if he intends well and doesn't want to be a liar, how many more roads to hell do I need to be paved?

We now have enough records to prove that every single allegation I made relating to what the FBI would and would not do is correct. We sure as hell have them nailed firmly as liars, as gross, deliberate liars, as jesting with the judge, and with this kind of judge that kind of needle is needed. And they've made a joke of the Shenefield promises, besides not keeping the word they gave Metcalfe to give all others. I do think that with some vigorous expression from you this should go to the Associated's office, probably to Ford, who was also involved in the fee waiver revocation.

It is not going to accomplish anything merely to express indignation to Metcalfe. If he can survive a career in Civil and in defending the FBI and tolerating all the lies and abuses of which he knows - a little indignation won't bother him as long as the first meal afterward. You really have to get at him in terms of his personal integrity, which he prizes, and rip away his Linus blanket of he didn't lie, the FBI did. He lied because he has the responsibility of knowing that he tells the truth and long ago he had no reason to believe the FBI in this case. Now it turns out exactly as I told you to tell him and he can't say he had no reason to doubt their word.

Throug out this case I've tried to get you to get him involved in something more than lying for congenital liars. If you had perhaps we'd have been closer to an end. What is it, are you afraid he'll be embarrassed?

I asked that he had knowledge of what is being done from now on in this case and ~~that~~ I am under the impression that he it was understood. Either he wasn't or he accepts anything if he accepts this last claim to the need for two weeks of best-agent time for processing - an hour's newspaper clippings.

Meanwhile, you are letting these Amerinazis waste me all over again. How much longer can I live to be wasted like this?

We had a similar situation in the King case, when as soon as I got the Stipulation records and saw the processing data I asked you to raise hell about the deliberate violation of the stipulation. You didn't, and look at the results.

In this case you can put everyone else on the spot. from the judge down, and have some influence on the fee in the future, if you really get to doing something serious and vigorous about the endless lies.

In haste and disappointment,