

Dear Jim,

DJ consultancy

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I had just come to my desk with the intention of resuming the dictating of notes based on the copies I could find of the letters I wrote the FBI re 1996 when I changed my mind and decided to write you.

The entire situation stinks. Most of all do I resent being taken advantage of by a female chauvenist pig.

I am particularly resentful about the gross and anything but accidental misrepresentations in the Abourezkh testimony as they relate to me and my cases.

The committee was truly imposed upon. The Act means something to me, too. Of all whose words I read the only one about whom I have no complaint is Shea. I have no reason to believe or even suspect that he was not honest.

It is now almost six months since I wrote Schaffer and asked that I be given the terms of the consultancy forced upon me by the grossest misrepresentations. I await an answer. It is more than six months since his offer, which he also failed to put in writing. I don't know how long it is since you also raised the question after I wrote several times without any response.

There just is no way anyone else can place a value on my time under my conditions. It is all too precious to me. As an example Howard Bray offered an introduction to me that could result in an article for which I'd be well paid. I've done all the work. The writing does not take all that long. But in months I've done nothing about it and I probably won't. (I could also write articles about the records I give away.)

I want to put what I know on paper while I can. These people have combined to make that impossible. To do this they have lied and misrepresented in other ways. No matter how much time I have I do not have enough for this kind of frustrating of what I want to do. I think you cannot project yourself into the position in which I see myself to the degree it is necessary to understand how I feel. Or what I prefer under the existing circumstances, including Lynne's letter you mentioned this morning.

My position is going to be as inflexible as I've already indicated. I will not accept \$74.99 and I will deliver nothing to anyone until it is all put in writing and in unequivocal form.

I will not even suggest to her again that when she has any free time for the coming week that she spend it in working on the tapes.

If Lynne wants it to go to court, fine. I'll look forward to testifying and in a situation that amounts to a dare to her to testify. And I'll want you to allege that this is all part of a scheme to keep me from putting a sound account on paper while the whole situation is made more incomprehensible and as part of a design to run the clock on me. (I don't have to die - surgery alone will lay me up for a while.)

If you have not responded to Lynne by the time you get this you can add that you have an obdurate client.

Whatever Greendoes or does not do, I am not worried. I don't really care. If she wants it known, including among judges, that she undertook to place the burden or proof on an FOIA plaintiff, so be it. If she wants it understood that she ordered me into involuntary servitude, she can have that, too. Not that I expect either for I do not. If she wants to end the case I'll have plenty to do that she has prevented my doing by the way she has mishandled this case.

There is further basis for the way I feel and I'll explain some of it. Beginning by telling you there is no certainty. But I did discuss with Howard my giving him what

I get from the consultancy. I do not pretend to know what his answer would have been if I'd had the letter setting the terms forth to put in his hand. Good lawyer that he is he thought of all the things that could go wrong and the time it would take to sue to collect. But he did not say that going with a firm or HEW or anything else would be more to his interest or in his interest. I offered him what little security we have for the future as a backstop in the event we have nothing by the time he'd be coming up. Not surprisingly he would not accept that.

My belief may be wrong but it is my belief that I would have an assistant, which I very much need, if I could have made a firm offer, one on which he could have depended. (And you could have had an associate.)

I'll probably get to the dictating in a little while. <sup>Bill</sup>il has gone out to do some work. When she comes in I'll do that. It will be the fourth time today. And I began the day with a good walk, one that tired me. I feel what I've done but not enough to lead me to believe that I should not do more if it does not rain.

There will be more such intrusions into the time I can spend on the dictating. The doctor spoke to me today as he has not before. I'll be interrupting for ~~runs~~ more <sup>of</sup> or less regular calisthenics, depending on how I react to them. I'll be using dumbbells, barbells and weights on my ankles. Besides what outside work I do (and it has to be done). These things can mean more to me, uninteresting as I find them, than any FOIA matter or any dictating that I should not have to do or almost anything else.

Through all of this and when it has in other ways been a very bad time for me I have been passive and quiet. Now I cannot be and I will not be. They will shape up, with no more of these miserable games they dare only because of their corrupt power, or I will force the issue.

You pick whatever you regard as a reasonable time. No more than two weeks and I would like less. The hell with this situation. We are being unmade because we are both overworked and because we prefer peace and quiet and doing our work. But this has become a major impediment in our work, a great time waster. Let us have it over with, whatever the end. Whatever happens we'll be better off.

And remember the other cases, especially the coming JFK files. The tougher we are now regardless of the end, the less time they'll waste for us there.

In all Civil Division will be our adversary. It is better that we get anything and everything they'll be tempted to try like this present mess settled in advance.

As I've told you I will not agree to any more stipulations with them. I also want no more meetings with them. If you want otherwise, alone, fine. If you want me there, a recording of the meeting is a minimum prerequisite. No more of what Wynne has been up to and Schaffer has been hiding behind. I'll stand on what I say but I'm not going to be bound hand and feet by their lies and other tricks.

Yes, I am angry and resentful. Yes, I am aware of other pressures and how they can influence judgement and beliefs and emotions. It is not these that cause me to write you. It is the testimony of which I told you and the letter of which you told me - coming on top of so much of the past in this case and what I have indicated it means to me. Besides, you know I've felt pretty much this way for a long time.

Best,