

JANUARY 12, 1968

DEAR SYLVIA,

YOUR SNIDE LITTLE NOTE OF JANUARY 10 IS AS VISCIOUS AS IT IS FALSE. IF YOUR "INTELLIGENCE" IS SUCH THAT IT DISHED UP TO YOU SUCH GARBAGE AS ENABLED YOU TO WRITE AS YOU DID, THEN IT SPEAKS POORLY OF BOTH YOUR "INTELLIGENCE" AND YOUR INTELLIGENCE.

IN VIEW OF THE YEARS OF OUR CLOSE ASSOCIATION, WARM FRIENDSHIP, AND MUTUAL RESPECT--DESPITE SOME SERIOUS DIFFERENCES OF OPINION--I MUST SAY I AM SHOCKED THAT YOU WOULD BE SO NARROW AND UNFAIR AS TO ALLOW YOURSELF TO PLACE CREDENCE IN SUCH FALSEHOOD ABOUT (BY IMPLICATION) MY ALLEGED POSITION, WITHOUT FIRST CONTACTING ME TO CHECK IT OUT.

I HAVE NO WAY OF KNOWING WHETHER YOUR "INTELLIGENCE" SOURCE FED YOU THIS STUPID LIE WHOLE, OR WHETHER YOU CHOSE TO CONJURE IT UP FROM MORE FRAGMENTARY "INFORMATION".

IN EITHER CASE, UNLESS YOUR NEXT COMMUNICATION IS A COMPLETE APOLOGY FOR YOUR BEHAVIOR, DON'T BOTHER.

REGRETFULLY,

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