

Bud and I did have any agreement. There is proof of it. There never was adherence to it. Now he has provided me with proof other than from me of his violation of it to buttress what I had before now.

By the time I obtained most of it Ray's interest was involved, so I was limited if not precluded. Believe me or not, I have not indicated to you the true nature of what I later learned and can prove. All are not related to the Ray case only. Some are related to Bud's supposed representation of me in a case that he surely blew and I think it could be fairly alleged threw. If he ^{wants} to argue incompetence, I'm of a mind to give him the chance. But if he does I'll produce letters from me asking a different approach to which he repeatedly agreed only to then do the opposite. And this is/not all.

Bill, I've more than had it. I've been silent because of Ray's interest. Now I see silence as not serving Ray.

And quite separate from this is my own rights.

I am not going to be satisfied by this city slickerism, this smooth talk, this invocation of principle. The last time for that was more than a year ago. And of that, too, I have more than ample records.

Let Jim believe what he wants. I don't buy the story he gave me. And I'm not able to afford the cost of these long calls to him to learn the last new job he had.

I know you have just returned from vacation and have much to catch up on. Well, I don't know what a vacation is and thanks to Bud I'm further behind in what I have to catch up on. I'm older than you and sick, but I'm certain that today I work a longer day. So, if you have any interest in this remaining a private matter, let Bud take a little less time for touting/himself to the world or taking other vacations, as in preparation for the Ray case, and let us talk meaningfully. The time for smooth talk and con jobs is past.

I'm not going to try to kid you and tell you what I will do. But I am telling you that this last obsequy leaves no light to what within reason and propriety I am willing to try to do.

What Jim was told about Paul today can't be true. But if it were, at the very least Bud could have had, say Garcon, call me with an apology. I heard nothing. And I don't believe Bud, whose record of lying is rivaled in mythology only. I do trust Paul's integrity. I'm confident he can produce his notes.

If there is to be a serious word, I'd like to hear it. If there is ~~not~~ not the sooner I know the sooner I can explore my alternatives. Only no greasy kid at all.

Sincerely,

Harold Weisberg