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Dear Sol,

Thanks for your letter of the 31. It reminds me that in the past I have dealt with Buell and I have written him about a name I forgot to include.

What you saw on Bandy is what remained after about half was edited out. I did better, which is why it was edited out.

I never cease to marvel at that characteristic of lawyers, one they probably consider "flexibility". Where a non-legal approach is taken, they insist that all things must be addressed as prescribed by the law. Where a legal approach is taken, they insist tha t the law does not always apply.

To me, the standard of "reasonable doubt" must always apply in those matters of which I write, and ~~xxx~~ I believe ~~thatm~~ where there is reasonable doubt it can be resolved in but one way.

Imsuggest you do not know enough about my "position" to have an opinion on it and that you will not go to the trouble of reading the long book that can give you an indication of what it is.

Nor do I believe there is anything that can change your mind on this. It would be much too uncomfortable for you, as it is for almost all intellectuals. And too many of t ose they hold in high esteem are involved, making their records too unpleasant to confront.

Of course, I do not expect you to believe this. In fact, I do not expect you to give it serious thought. But as you were candid, so am I.

= That of which I write is really the crumbling of the structure and organs of society, the failure of the courts, the law and the lawyers - and the total abdication of those lawyers not directly involved, who have more than enough cause for suspicion, doubt and worry and prefer security of station and peace of mind.

Hope yourm new work is more congenial than the ASL had become. At least it seems within walking distance, if one still dares walk in New York after dark. Our best to you all. I may be up there again before too long, but I do not know when.

The author of the Publisher's Weekly pre-publication review of my book (a total stranger) has been asked to write a piece on the three best books he's read in the past yeat. I'm told FRAME-UP is one.

Sincerely,