

Dear Dave,

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Earlier tonight Jim told me that he had asked you about an affidavit from the chancellor for use in court. He also told me he told you to use your own judgement. I wrote a carbon to him, to present considerations for that judgement if you have not already decided.

He and I each reacted to the same thing. I guess over-reacted. I grew angry and wrote an angry letter demanding an end to this insults, slurs and questioning of my integrity- unless it were done to my face and on a court matter, in open court.

Jim tells me I should not have. To at least a degree he is right and I've told him I won't anymore.

You have a carbon.

The whole thing is so outrageous I find myself wondering if they were baiting Jim.

Anyway, I think there is no need for it now, if at all. I'd much rather have what time the chancellor has his mind on this put to more constructive uses, as I've written you recently.

I think that after my letter the question will not come up again. Unless they are crazy and stupid.

I also believe that the news story in the Stevens Joint paper is enough.

Besides, I've drawn up a will, Jim has it and he and Howard are executors.

If they were serious about this the time to raise questions was before or in court. They didn't.

My feeling is that if we have to do it then is when we do.

Until then it is a waste of time and I'd like to get to where these bad people are not wasting our time.

I kind of think I'd like them to raise the issue in court. It will hurt them much.

I also think they'll make themselves look more ridiculous than I can. They do not appeal an order, they comply with it. After they comply they say they didn't mean it and may just come up here to repossess the records?

That'll be the day!

Hope your public relations John got you a nice story after his phone call to me.

If he did, please send it.

Best,