

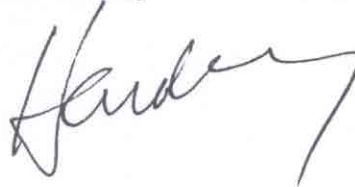
Dear Rick Smith,

9/24/84

It was a bad day for this aging body and I was so weary after my morning therapy I planned a nap until, in the same mail with your thoughtful letter, I received another defamation by the Department of Justice. It made so much adrenalin flow that after I wrote Jim Cesar, my FOIA lawyer, I took your suggestion and dashed off the enclosed submission to the Oped page.

You are the kind of ~~guy~~ guy Mo Waldron described, I appreciate it and I thank you for it.

Best wishes,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Henry". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the typed text "Best wishes,".

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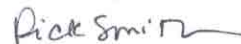
Dear Mr. Weisberg:

Thank you for your letter regarding the Norman Dorsen-Ira Glasser/ACLU case. I certainly understand your sentiments, although my function as a reporter is to report the fact, without judgment one way or another.

I certainly hope that you have contacted the ACLU about this matter and let them know how you feel. I'm afraid there is nothing I can do for you.

But thank you for thinking of the Times, and in the future you probably would want to address a subject like this to the op-ed page editor. Perhaps then they will want to use it for publication.

Sincerely,



Hedrick Smith

Signed in his absence.