

Dear Jim, Ray and CBS

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Several callers have told me what I did not know, not having seen 60 Minutes tonight.

Rather is airing an interview with Jimmy on Who's Who Tuesday night.

Washington CBS has a basketball game then.

I'll try to catch and tape it from the Baltimore CBS station.

Karen will tape it and send you the tape.

Unless this was taped within the past two weeks, which is possible, it means that CBS has knowingly and deliberately by-passed the only criminal attorney Jimmy has.

If it did this more recently and there is what is adverse to Jimmy's interest in what is aired, that could mean a problem for Marshaw, who has not troubled to learn even the most basic facts of the case.

Typical of the Rays the timing is bad. If there is nothing harmful in what CBS airs it still can't do Jimmy any good at this juncture. If there is what can be harmful it will aid those who have concluded he is the assassin and that his co-conspirator is his brother Jerry, the House committee.

Because CBS also has aired the claims of the House committee, which include both Jimmy's guilt and allegations of a conspiracy, the intrusion into Jimmy's legal rights can be much more serious.

That NBC offered \$10,000 for 15 minutes does not mean that CBS has aided Jimmy. The last I heard is that Rather told Jerry he'd have to buck the question of pay up higher in the CBS bureaucracy.

However, given what I know of these leanings I would not be surprised if CBS paid nothing.

But if I'm not mistaken you told me that if belatedly you took my advice and told the warden not to permit any media access to your client without your permission.

Best,