

Mary, Gary only

Bud's ego-tripping

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Because with this respiratory problem I've not felt well enough to work, I've been able to indulge the infrequent luxury of brooding a bit. I am, as I think you understand, deeply disturbed by what Bud is and is not doing that he should not be and is doing. Yesterday, while I was occupied in a minor chore, something came to mind of which I do want to make a record, so I do it with a memo to the two of you, not for any use, partly because the accusation that he is seeking self-gain in any form is a serious one. I have felt this since I got pay for him as a client, again, from what he has and has not done and from his complete failure to keep his word, save when he needed help.

When we filed the Ray complaint, I asked him to give copies to members of the Congress, especially the Senate, who he knew. He refused, saying it would not interest them. I felt I could not approach the few I otherwise might, with him the lawyer. Then, we won, and I again asked him to do this, to get the thing in the Congressional Record, and his response was the same. He had originally agreed that we'd hold a press conference on filing the suit. When it came time for that he said it would look bad to have it in his office, and he gave me the money to rent a hotel room. He would not appear, the alleged reason being it would not look right, would compromise him as a lawyer. It did look bad for the lawyer not to be at the press conference, which might have been ignored had he been there, but had a better chance of this with the disassociation.

Meanwhile, once I got him the Ray case and gave him an iron-clad one, all wrapped and completed, its success depending no longer on fact but on his legal competence, as at least Mary knows, for she got the Enquirer when she was here, he got them to do a story saying that his committee was doing this this investigation I had already done and given him. And then, two weeks ago, he had a series of meetings with members of Congress (at least one of whom had read and been terrified by COUP-Conyers). One day we had prearranged me meet and I had gone to DC for it, he was so occupied, all day, and I didn't see him.

In short, he is, as I told him to his face Thursday, trying to make something of a notating committee, without scruple about how he does it.

Now it happens that this case was pertinent to Bayh in several ways. First, there was, at that time, an administration/Justice campaign against him. Second, he is on the constitutional rights Judiciary subcommittee. I spoke to Bayh's man on this subcommittee and I know the case interested him. Bud has Bayh's autographed picture in his office and has called a friendship there.

When I first heard of Flammonde's planned book, having just seen him in Bud's office (closed door-Bud was careful not to introduce him or Cherach to me and tried even for us not to meet), on the day I'd expected to work with Bud on a case, I phoned his partner, who agreed that Bud had tied himself up in irreconcilable conflicts. He said he'd have to talk to Bud about it. That must have been about a month ago. Bud was silent until when we could not really go into it and I was, as I then told him, not up to it (which didn't keep me from unloading some), last Thursday. He does. He represents me as a client, and has done no work, while flitting away time trying to arrange for others to get credit for what I've done and on other things, and then has a deal of some kind where Flammonde has access to what I've done and to the Ray case material, where we also had an arrangement precluding this. He first agreed to take a single, large case vs the government, then asked me to break it down, then said he'd handle some of this and not other parts, which I should handle myself (but he'd go over my drafts as soon as I finished them), and he just hasn't. I've been held up three months on two, a bit less on another, because he got Jim Lesar to revise it. With the way he has been wasting time and trying to pre-empt the work of

others for his committee when it seems promising (as with Charach- and I understand, with no confirmation, from a press friend that that case has now been withdrawn), I think a case can be made against him to the bar. If he continues to refuse to stop Flammonde and Flammode uses anything of mine, you believe me, I'll do this. What is of more concern is that others may, with the Ray case, and they'd be right, for he is doing nothing, leaving that up to Jim, who is not yet a member of the bar, and wasting time himself so that part of what the judge asked for is not in the amended appeal, even though I dropped everything and took time for a rough but fairly complete memo. Fact is, if he fails on this case, with this kind of history, I may yet do that too. We have survived one Garrison. I doubt we can survive a second. And the cost of the first was too great.

Interestingly enough, Bud is now going out of his way to say nice things about Jim, even things he knows are not true. It is almost as though he is casting himself in the identical role. I mean consciously.

What he is and has been doing to me is so reprehensible, so utterly in violation of the canons of the bar, it is hard to believe him stupid enough to consider there will be only silence - that I'll again be silent if my stuff is again cribbed. Ass lawyer, he has to know he is doing the wrong thing. So, I leave the answer to Gary's discipline. Meanwhile, as I have been, I'll be leaning over backwards to avoid anything that may have any kind of consequences, hoping it will not become necessary to do anything, that he may get back to earth. He is not busy, he does have time, and he is not doing what he should be doing. Example: I expected to work with Jim on the Ferris suit Thursday. I had Carmen phone Jim and wake him up, gave Jim an hour to get to Bud's office, then got there myself, about 10, to find Bud with nothing to do-and nothing for the entire morning. He spent it with me and with Jim when Jim got there-until 2 p.m.

But there is a great hazard, and I do want you to know about it. Not only because there is this hazard, but because I will, on several counts, feel compelled to do something about it if what can eventuate does. There are means by which I think I can. I'd rather not have to, which is one reason I've written Flammonde. As soon as I feel well again, I'll tell Bud it is time to go into the various things that bother me, and I'll insist he find time. By the way, he continues to poor-mouth, but Jim told me what Bud did not, that Bud wants to send me to LA for three months to conduct a real investigation of the RFK case. He never discussed this with me. He just assumed I'd do it, if he paid my expenses. I think other things are much more important, including those he has been delaying. And the writing he has delayed for me.

I have to be in DC again the 9th, when I'll see her checkup. He knows this. I should hear from him tomorrow, for the government's response to my spectro suit was due by yesterday (he didn't even know this, though he is supposed to be handling the case, until I asked him the status). He is to move for a summary judgement tomorrow if they have not responded. If they have responded, he should be phoning me to tell me what they've said. If this thing that is deep in my chest is not better by Friday, I'll also go to the doctor then. It is some kind of infection not characterized by a fever. I do think I feel a bit better. I was able to engaged in some minor physical activity yesterday. I cut loose the liner of the swimming pool, so it can be repaired, and I took out the floor closet in my office to make room for filing cabinets, so I can increase my filing capacity. I have located two of the three cabinets I need, so I'll have to buy only one...In writing Sylvia, Paul inquired about a Dallas source attributing to him a generally pro-government posture. Is this you, Mary? If so, how did he do it? Hope you have better news from Jimmy by now.