

Dear Bud,

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Your letter of the 27th suggests something Emerson once said and a paraphrase of it. Emerson said, "What you are speaks so loudly I cannot hear what you say." In your case and particularly with this letter, "What you are speaks so loudly you cannot hear what others say" seems appropriate.

If it suits you to consider me crazy, so be it. But it accomplishes nothing for you, it solves nothing, it perpetuates all the previous error.

And what you should clearly understand, it responds to nothing. What I addressed to you is specifics.

You have made no response, not in any way. For even if I were what your latest effort to escape yourself makes expedient for you, crazy, there would be still these factual questions.

These address you, not me. There has been no complaint about either my work or my conduct. And in all the years I have known you, I can't remember a single occasion on which you have had any such complaint. Nor one from anybody else. It is from your personal honor in not keeping your word to your professional behavior in this case that there are questions, and from these you attempt to ~~seem~~^{appear} away like a coward by childish efforts at patronizing and tolerance.

There is nothing I can now do about any of these things and you make it apparent that your sick self-concept, these fictions you would try to will into reality, are what is all -important to you.

You have lucked through more than most lucky people can expect to, sometimes with a little unwelcome help. Maybe your luck will hold out. You won't have as much help.

Were you wise and/or rational on this, you'd be asking yourself, "Suppose my luck doesn't hold out?"

You have made a record that can be utterly ruinous to you. I have no intention of using it against you. Rather have I, to the degree I could, sought to make what Jimmy has questions about, comprehensible to him.

Make on this record does not exist. It is immaterial to me. None of this can hold any benefit for me. Nothing you do or do not do can really make any difference to me, either. Even paying the paltry sums your sick head impels you to gyp me out of makes very little difference. It is only to your supposed client and the case and your professional reputation that there can be any difference.

If there are problems, you have made this record and you will have to face it. Calling me crazy in pretended response to a bill of particularly will then do you as much good as farting into a tornado. The record you may have to face is of your own making and it could not be sicker or more culpable. It is a record of personal abuse of others and of neglect of the case in puerile pursuit of the need of a sick ego.

To be able to do this you have used the one means you have, your money. But you can't face this. Or the willingness of others to let you take public credit for their work. You have to pretend to yourself and posture in public. Well, the time may come when your money and what you have and have not done with it can be your Achilles heel. You have made it and my lack of it an issue, a means of further and also sick ego-indulgence. And while frittering it away in what when it was least harmful was merely foolish, you have refused to spend a penny of it ~~ever~~ in needed investigation. Yet our own case against previous counsel emphasizes this exact failure. Well, just remember what I've said on this because I will adhere to it. We have an agreement, it is recorded between us and I'm prepared, if need be, to make an issue of it. I've told you how; you ignore it.

I sorrow for you.

Sincerely,

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Dear Harold:

No, you are wrong. I do not look upon you as an enemy or anything even remotely resembling one.

To me, you are an ex-friend who, in my view needs medical help...and now. Please seek it before you and those close to you suffer serious damage. You have done great work in the past, and you will do more in the future. However, in your present frame of mind, you are seemingly incapable of it.

It will do no good to say that this letter requires no answer. However, in any event, lets hope 1975 is better for you than its predecessor.

Best wishes,



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