

Dear Howard (JDW), relet to Naderites

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This is lest you think I was merely indulging anger in my letter to Ellsworth of Their Arrigances the Naderites. I was and am angry, sure as hell, but thst is not the reason I wrote.

Taking my evening walk it occurred to me you might take it this way and wince at the thought of my throwing help away.

When I got to the corner of Shookstown Rd old friends were visiting our friends who live there and I had to set and chat for a while. It is too late to start other work and I did give this more thought on the way back.

It is necessary. I found it a modest expression. She could have vetoed and didn't.

When Ellsworth first approach Jim with a hint that they could take care of the cost of depositions it was with a qualification, if they could have something to do with them. An ambiguity I took other than the way I voluntarily agreed to Jim. Meanwhile, in agreeing, I also stipulated that he, not they, control the case. I can't picture them agreeing to that. They ain't that kind. However, it is, as I'm sure you know, normal, right and very proper.

Jim was overloaded and when he returns will be more overloaded. There is much that is more important to me that he has not been able to get to.

The last thing I'm going to permit is for him to have the experience I've just had.

Or appear in such need I could be considered willing to accept any kind of offer.

If we do less by ourselves we won't have to wonder who are real enemies are or spend hours explaining what requires explanation to political infants of those still terrified of the subject. And living in terror of the authoritarian boss.

There has been much nastiness in the past I've ignored, all baseless, all behing my back. All from political immaturity and whatever was fed by nasties.

For all the talk of all the work Nader did on the Hill to get the amendments ~~me~~ to FOIA - and I'm sure he did much work - he wound up making a deal that would have made a good law for consumerism only and bad one in other, especially political cases. I knew they'd be double crossed, told them so, prepared for it and while I can't say that I thereafter made the difference I can say that Nader didn't. We came out with a very much better law than he'd compromised on.

If they are willing to begin with such compromises, and for selfish rather than national reasons only; or if they can conceive that there was the slightest possibility of national interest in their conniving, they are usafe at any speed.

The real question was had they learned?

They haven't.

The only thing new in my telling Ellsworth that Jim has to have his independence is that I'm telling Ellsworth. I began with this my one insistence to Jim.

When he gets back he won't be wasting time courting them. They'll have decided, as probably they had already.

Disgusting stuff, though.

Although I've felt better today than in two weeks I did not feel good knowing how much time I've had to expend merely undoing what I could of what the irrationals started. I stay away from it and them. But when it comes to me and I know that anything bad will reach a very large audience, I do not havethat many real choices.

Peace!