

Dear Jim, Bud/Wolfson/The Unimpeachment

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I detected the exasperation in your voice the other day, I know you were trying to look out for my interest, but two major considerations dominated me, and this did not get through to you.

I will not jeopardize the one good copy I have. I have a carbon out of my possession but not enough not to have easy access and not to have been able to incorporate changes. When I laid it aside and time passed I had to read some to pick the train of thought up. On those (many) pages I made corrections that do not exist anywhere.

If this time Bud is serious there was a simple solution, one I can't pay for: let me have it done locally, where the cost is greater, 12-13¢ a page. The first time you mentioned this I inquired about a special rate for a large number if I provided the operators. When no kids came or let me know they were coming I carried it no farther.

Moreover, knowing Bud's compulsive need to be in opposition, I wanted a clear sign that this is other than the futilities of the past. He knew about this book three times each with reason to remember. The first was when he was taking depositions. The second was when he sent me to Arvin instead of Wolfson and I went. The third was when Wolfson had me to a nice dinner, but considering the time and travel the table conversation, part horses, part the extolling of the great investigators Fensterwald and Turner, was hardly worth it. In fact, shortly after supper I was left to myself out there in the emptiness with nothing to do but read, and I don't travel that distance for this. I wasn't even seen by The Great Man the next morning - or again, as I recall. But whether this is precisely accurate or not is not the point. What is is the fidelity to the treatment: the condescension of the great. With such major concerns as horses.

If I'm not mistaken I also got some flak from Bud on a later-coming Bancamericard bill. Wolfson had made clear about an hour after supper that our business was over, with me having had a chance to say little and not get to really show anything. He also said to tell Bud to bill him for everything, as I told Bud. The Wolfson shift meant I had to change my return accommodations, and instead of a long wait in Jacksonville, as Bud had himself suggested might be better I went to Orlando. It was not much more than \$10 but for some perversity and irrationality Bud had to be his normal insulting self with me.

With this kind of history, with both Bud and Wolfson knowing what I have, with both not for about two years now making it possible for me to carry it forward when clearly doing this is in the interest of both - and now I can't and I won't ask you to help regardless of the prospects simply because other things mean more to me - I want some kind of meaningful demonstration of seriousness. One would have been to authorize me to have it copied immediately, not to have to pinch pennies on the copying. either has to. The fact is I almost decided to have the copying done myself. But I have to be more, not less careful with money now, so I didn't.

While the prospects of your getting the treatment I did are slim, particularly because you'll be with Bud, I recommend that you carry work or something you want to read with you because if Wolfson hears a neigh he'll be off and running.

I've taken this time for your understanding. The basic reason is that I can't risk this one full copy, can't carry it to DC and stay with it, won't let you do it because you have more important things to do, and now the kids could not come yesterday and if they do again it will be another week. I have made an effort to locate a local student and pay but it will cost more this way that by simply authorizing me to have it done locally as I wanted when the ~~fixxk~~ possibility was first raised.

Best,