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Dear Joe Dolan,

A newsmen friend of mine spent a long time with Alvin Beauboeuf recently. They talked. Beauboeuf may or may not have known my friend is a reporter, may or may not have known he intends to write nothing about this, for it is not his beat.

He asked Beauboeuf about the Aynesworth charges. Beauboeuf told him there was never any question of bribery, and that there was none attempted. He said that all that was asked of him is the truth.

This is a far cry from what Aynesworth said. It is, however, what the New Orleans police investigation learned and said.

It is not the same as the claim Aynesworth, I believe, made, that Beauboeuf was forced to make an affidavit along this line by Garrison's pressure. My friend would not- and would not if he would have - put any pressure on Beauboeuf.

This serves no purpose but to tell you, because I still think you were taken by people you thought you could trust. It happens to all of us, Joe, including you. All you need do is trust people.

Sincerely,

Harold Weisberg