

Dear Jim, more on 78-6320

7/15/81, later

When you phoned a little while ago I'd been looking at the evening TV news for an hour and haven't the slightest idea of what was on. That is how upset and disgusted I am over what I'd written you about a little while before sitting down to the news.

You professed at least disappointment, too, and you said you'd give Metcalfe hell tomorrow. He may worry about me but without considerable persuasion there is no chance he'll worry about you. So you'll give him hell, maybe even say what I asked you to say, which I do not really expect, and he'll be so very sorry and apologetic and the same damned thing will happen the very next time.

I don't doubt your intentions, and I certainly don't think you did not mean what you said when you said it. But I do not ~~not~~ expect you to do what I asked as I asked and without that and much more to go along with it I'm wasting my own life. It is bad enough when others can get away with it, but there is no excuse for me doing it. And I just don't know what is possible now.

I have no interest in fighting just to win a fight. I have no interest in giving Metcalfe or anyone else a hard time without some constructive purpose being involved.

Sure, it will teach them some kind of lesson to have to do a Vaughn inventory and justification. But I don't believe in doing things just to hurt others. I want these moves to serve constructive purposes or, absent some real provocation again, I have little interest in them.

What is about ~~it~~ ^{and} what you've not done anything about is FBI SOP on the reprocessing. They'll again confront me with an impossible load in the very last minute. You've not only not done anything ~~again~~ about their not keeping their word and schedule where they have provided some records, you've done nothing where they have ^{not}. And, of course, the "again" fits the last-minute business. Every time, no exceptions.

I do not believe that you have yet come to the point in your law career where you are prepared to start to fight as an adversary lawyer does. If I'm wrong I'll be very happy for you.

There is no real rush, but I think you'd better do some ~~rethinking~~ ^{rethinking}. Meanwhile, if the next batch of records comes to me directly from the FBI and without any covering letter from him in it I'll not take the time to read them. I'll lay them aside and if you don't do something, maybe I will. ~~His~~ ^{My} lying days in this case are over. ~~He~~ ^{He} will assume responsibility for his word to the judge and us or I'll stop to think is it really worth my time now to try and give him a new asshole. If I don't do it I can give him something I think he'd like to forget but won't be able to.

These people are still nice-guying you to death, as they did beginning with those evil women, particularly Lynne. You really should have learned then but instead you've been resisting me, not them, since. You really should have taken after them and if you want to be very kind, excessively kind with Metcalfe, you'd have been modest in taking his hide off in court for not keeping his ~~own~~ first promise to the judge and us on time, as I told you would happen. S. naturally, they keep wasting my life and you keep putting up with it. You really should have been screaming and pounding on his desk, at least, for months. There is no other way with such people and what it takes for them to hold their jobs. It is not only that I don't think you'll change. I think you can't because for some inexplicable reason you don't want to. If you don't well relive such things forever, and forever for me now may not be all that long. So, you may want to consider dismissing without prejudice with an agreement for you to get paid, as soon as the reprocessed records are processed properly. Such I've not gotten some of the most important records, but you've know what they are for two years and haven't done anything about getting them. So I'll just have to forget about them and try and do something I might conclude. Sincerely,