

Dear Dave,

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Jerry phoned me late this morning after speaking to Cesar. Jim was vague about the press conference but specific in saying it would not be tomorrow. He was also vague about maybe day after tomorrow or more likely at the time of the gather<sup>ing</sup> of the COPA nuts in October—seven months after the book is out. Jerry said he was going to phoen Jim. I gave Jerry to understand how disgusted and upset I am and I told him to tell Jim that if it is not before he leaves for Singapore to forget about it and send me the books I got for it. I said much more than this to Jerry, of course, because I was more angry and disgusted than upste upset. As I told Jerry there is nothing person<sup>e</sup> for me in the press conference and I'll not even think of it beginning today unless Jim calls me. As he has not and I do not expect. *Did not.*

He should never had made any changes in what he agreed to and I had all written out for him and that particularly includes involving Aguilar and Robertson. They served no purpose and the last thing I wanted was an argument that the back of the head was blown out.

And with the press conference supposedly on the book why dilute and complicate that? The book needs nothing added to its content and certainly need<sup>s</sup> nothing to distract from it.

I suppose that he has more than his share of problems and worries but I believe that basic in this is that he cannot abide anything that undermines the absolute craziness he and his gang are involved in. As a little fact surely does.

He needs the vacation and while I doubt that I'll say anything about this after he returns I will not before he leaves.

I send you a copy of my yesterday's letter to him. I did not chide him as I should have for his keeping secret from me the case I sent to him or for his filing any brief in it without talking to me. You will see only an indication of what I have that he needs and he hasn't even asked me if I have anything. That is a case that with any preparation he should win easily and it is a case that can get some attention.

I think this may represent that he is having trouble functioning and if that is so I am, of course, quite sorry about that.

I doubt if Jerry told him much of what I said but I did say that men keep their words and boys give their words without intending to keep them. Among other things, in real disgust and no little anger.

As we both know he is a fine and a bright person. I am troubled seeing him this way. Through the words of others. I've not had a word from him.

Best,  
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