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Dear Big Shot,

While I was angry and disgusted with you I am certain that I did give you clearly to understand that I was writing about your unkept promise to send the dubs of the tapes at a specific time.

Your letter of the 13th fuzzes this over.

There is little point in again trying to get you to face yourself. You are more comfortable pretending, in this case that I had no right to complain.

So in three weeks Your Exalted Highness got around to making a dub of the show in question. And then at enormous personal sacrifice, "putting that ahead of several pressing matter that also required my attention."

In all the hours of my time you have taken up did you ever once ask if I might have had what for me was a "pressing matter?" Have you ever once when you phoned for what is usually idle chatter asked if I had a "pressing matter" before me then? Did you when you phoned to be prepped for the Lane/Pltmans show, which you said you would not do and then decided to do?

It is as I told you, you have ~~hardly~~ a need to feel important and your entire manner is of self-importance. On the rare occasion when you have something that could be of significance you fuck it up. Like the Epstein book. You are warned but who can know as much as you?

Of course you have "pressing matters." Like long weekends of relaxation while others whose time is of no interest to you work.

You well know I have no interest in Lane per se. You well know I have had an interest in Code-Name Zozbo only because it was certain to be a very bad book. I have now read it and assure you that it is. It is as vicious on Jim as the broadcast. My need to read it was not personal. In part it was over this viciousness and in greater and certain part because it is disinformation, very hurtful disinformation. With all those "pressing matters" of state that weigh upon Your Highness you must have forgotten our discussions of this. Including the time you promised to send a dub of the tape on Tuesday. Meaning the coming Tuesday now at least two weeks in the past if not three.

When Jim has you for a friend he has no need of enemies.

And if I had not depended on your word I would have used other means to get a tape. Jim called you on this initially at my suggestion. But you were too self-centered to make more than one tape when you are equipped to.

I want you to know not only how I feel but what your undependability means. I ought not be working the hours I am again working. I am two full file cabinets behind in my reading of records I've obtained. Because all the self-important of decent income, of whom you are one, are better at using what Jim and I do than in helping do it or helping bear what for me is an enormous cost I have to make extensive copies for Jim because I can't afford the commercial costs. They are running \$100 a week or more and I have no regular income. It has cleaned out the little security I had from the sale of the H'town property. But so Jim can handle matters in court during the past week we copied about 2,500 pages. We have half this yet to do. It is right for us to spend time this way and right for you to long-weekend every week and not do what little you can, like making tapes? I also have writing I want to do. I hear often enough from others that I must do it. In addition I have three cases working in court and others impending. This is not important but your time is. When I now get the tapes, with Jim back, I'll get even less sleep. I don't know why you must be such a dick. but you are.

April 13, 1977

Dear Harold,

If I knew what you were talking about in your most recent diatribe I might be able to send you an intelligent reply. But since I have no idea what you are talking about I'm afraid I'm at a loss.

I assume you are telling me that Lane pays me special thanks in his book. If that is so (I haven't seen the book or galleys) it can only be to soothe his own ego as I did no more than supply him with my McMillan file. I asked only that he credit me with that material. I can assure you that Lane regards me as the "enemy" after I challenged him on several points on the Jerry Williams show and totally demolished his friend Oltmans. Furthermore I couldn't care less whether you believe me or not. I'm tired of your recriminations, and I don't think I have to answer to you anyway.

As far as the tapes are concerned, I explained to Jim that I wouldn't be able to do it right away. As a matter of fact I finished dubbing it last night (the Lane/Anson/Lifton one), putting that ahead of several pressing matters that also require my attention. The other I haven't dubbed because I do not yet have it. WMCA is making a dub for me and has not yet sent it.

You well know what I think of Lane, as does everyone else except, apparently, Lane. I've never hidden my feelings that I think Lane is an opportunist who does anything for attention unless it requires learning some facts. I've told that to the Committee and any one who would listen. I suspect that if Lane doesn't know my feelings it is because he's heard about them and chosen not to listen.

If your letter was attacking me for any other reason I'm afraid I missed it. Perhaps you'd clarify, but I'd prefer that you ignore.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Jerry".