

5/4/87

Mr. Emory Brown
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Dear Emory,

I wrote Tatro all I'm going to say, which is less than I could have said, and I intend to waste no more time on it. He was immature, irresponsible and he should have known better. If he had any questions, it would not have intruded more on my time for him to phone me than for Rita to.

On the face of it, what Newcomb alleges makes no sense at all, does it?

If I'd been up to anything wrong, would I have involved him or any other critic?

I care so little about what Newcomb says or thinks I've not even gotten a copy of his book. I have no interest in it.

Rita phoned and said she'll write. I suppose it is on this. If so I'll refer her to Tatro for what I wrote him. I'm not going to make any more out of this kind of childish stupidity that has so plagued the critical community that Tatro has already made. Aside from Newcomb's gross and deliberate fabrication. I suspect under Lifton's evil influence.

I'm pretty sure that I told Tatro how the letter was written and I'm also pretty sure that I did not give him the details of the project and I won't now. It is too easily misused against another, not a critic and not an official. One it happens for whom I have no use at all.

I'm not upset about this but I am dismayed and disgusted.

Such greasy kid stuff from Ed, such rotten misconduct by Newcomb!

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature

1 May 1987

Dear Hal:

Included with his last correspondence was a copy of this letter which Ed wished me to send to you incase his original was losted. Sorry for the delay to both of you but I was out on vacation.

Trust that you are feeling better.

Sincerely,


E. Brown

HAROLD WEISBERG

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2/27/87

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DEAR HAL,

CLEARLY, THERE HAS BEEN A BREAKDOWN IN COMMUNICATION, HERE.

RITA AND I IN OUR CORRESPONDENCE HAVE DISCUSSED MANY ISSUES, SOME OF WHICH I WANTED TO CLARIFY AS BEST AS POSSIBLE. I HAD TOLD HER THAT I WISHED I COULD RUN MANY OF THOSE ISSUES BY YOU BECAUSE IF ANYONE WOULD KNOW THE ANSWER, YOU WOULD. WELL, YOU HAVE MY UTMOST RESPECT, HAROLD.

NOW I KNEW YOU WERE ILL WHICH IS WHY I DIDN'T WANT TO BOTHER YOU. THEN RITA SAID SHE CALLS YOU OCCASIONALLY AND SHE SAID IF I SENT HER AN EXPLANATION OF MY MANY QUESTIONS, SHE'D TRY TO GET SOME ANSWERS. I SENT HER A LOT OF MATERIAL. DURING OUR DISCUSSIONS I MENTIONED FRED NEWCOMB'S BOOKS AND THEORIES AND TOLD HER HOW CRITICAL HE HAD BEEN OF YOU. SHE ASKED TO SEE THE LETTER SO SHE COULD ASK YOU ABOUT IT. I DIDN'T SEE ANY HARM.

HAL, JUST BECAUSE HE WROTE THAT STUFF DOESN'T ME I ACCEPTED IT. YOUR ASSUMPTION THAT I BELIEVED HIS ALLEGATIONS OR THAT I WAS TRYING TO STIR UP TROUBLE FOR YOU ARE QUITE INACCURATE.

THE NEWCOMB ISSUE WAS A MINOR ONE TO ME. THERE WERE OTHER ISSUES I WANTED RITA

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TO ASK YOU ABOUT. FRANKLY, I COULD CARE LESS ABOUT A NEWCOMB/WEISBERG FEUD, BUT I AM CONCERNED ABOUT A TATRO/~~WEISBERG~~ WEISBERG MISUNDERSTANDING. THAT WOULD TRULY HURT MY FEELINGS. TRUST ME.

I HOPE THIS LETTER CLEARS IT UP. I'M AN AN INDEPENDENT SOUL. MY CORRESPONDENCE WITH NEWCOMB ENDED YEARS AGO. AS FOR LIFTON, I DON'T LIKE THE MAN. HE HAS BEEN RUDE AND POMPOUS TO ME. I HAD A BRIEF DEALING WITH DR HUMES AND LIFTON'S INVOLVEMENT WAS ~~DISGRACEFUL~~ INSOLENT TO SAY THE LEAST.

I REGRET THAT YOUR POOR HEALTH PREVENTS YOU FROM CORRESPONDING WITH ME ABOUT A NUMBER OF ISSUES. HAVING RITA CALL YOU SEEMED AN EASIER METHOD TO FIND OUT SOME INFORMATION. I CERTAINLY DIDN'T TRY TO UPSET YOU.

I HAVE NOTHING TO BE ASHAMED OF. HOWEVER I AM SORRY THAT WHATEVER RITA SAID OR HOWEVER YOU INTERPRETED WHAT SHE SAID DID NOT COME OUT AS INTENDED. OKAY?

I KNOW YOU'RE SICK, BUT PLEASE DROP ME A NOTE SO I KNOW THIS SITUATION IS NOW RECTIFIED.

SINCERELY,
Ed Tatro

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