

I wrote him through Edna Brown

3/2/87

Dear Ed,

I hope that the kids you teach wind up with more maturity and understanding of the world in which they live than you reflect in your letter of 2/27.

And have more capacity to think things through rather than rush into self-justification.

If you had given any thought to the matter about which Rita, without any knowledge at all except the falsehood you gave her asked me you should have had questions about passing it around to anyone else.

Rita did only what you could have done, spoke to me.

Reflecting your immaturity and your making baseless assumptions is your sentence, "Frankly, I could care less about a Newcomb/Weisberg feud." If there is any such thing, it is news to me. I've had no contact with him for about a decade, he has had none with me, I can't remember thinking of him, leave alone saying anything about him for many, many years. I've not seen or asked to borrow any of his writings and have no interest in him or them. Yet you assume that there is a "feud." And "have nothing to be ashamed of."

I said all I have to say about their evil fabrication to Newcomb and Lifton when they first made up and published that libel and really don't care now. But I do care that the foolish, childish practises of so many in the critical community continue and continue to be harmful.

And I am ashamed of you, that you would give such stuff any serious thought and have no better opinion of me.

It is past time for you to grow up,

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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 ANSWERS, YOU WOULD. HELL, 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~~ MISUNDERSTANDING. THAT WOULD TRULY HURT MY FEELINGS. TRUST ME,

I HOPE THIS LETTER CLEARS IT UP. I'M AM 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 HUNES 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,  
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