

Dear Dave,

4/15/85

The beautiful lily's last bloom is beginning to droop. Did very well! Thanks, Gotta get more camphor balls to deter the chipmunks when lil plants it out.

Nothing you report (4/7) about the people you mention is anything but consistent

You've not gotten the Beloti file? I also have not gotten what he said he'd send. But he did remember Summers!

You read Bud correctly and he really believes what he seems to believe, having learned nothing from all the years and errors. He's a dignified Penn Jones. You refer to his drive for immortality on the backs of others in what I think may be an understatement because I've thought for years that he regard this as a right (of his wealth). You have an accurate reflection in a couple of Garrison tapes of years ago.

He's known for 10 years where my records are going, and why, so the reported disappointment is not new.

For a nice guy who is wealthy he can be and is remarkably sheap sometimes, which may help your understanding. For example, when he learned that in 10/68 I was going to the west coast he asked me if I'd detour to N.O. and give him an appraisal of Garrison. I said I'd be glad to but I could not afford the side trip. So, he gave me \$200 in travellers' checks. What was I going to do then, tell him that would not pay the costs he was asking me to incur? And, of course, it didn't. Another time he asked me to do something and I did and a charge card bill was late coming in - he just refused to pay it, less than \$20.

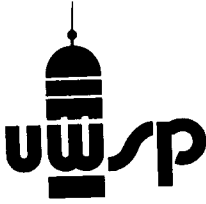
He has not responded to any of the letters I sent him in the recent past of which you have copies.

But he sends me the form letters on his archive, including the first, which described it as the only one. To which I dissented.

Jim was to have filed a simple case for me on my birthday, something he assured me months ago he would do and would be able to do as a basis for my doing what I then did. I've not heard a word from him. Or still from Lynch, ACLU. Not even to send me what the appeals court sent him instead of me, which he'd promised to do. The only thing worse than lawyers is having to depend upon them!

Hope the work with the new records goes well. Look forward to seeing it.

Best to all,



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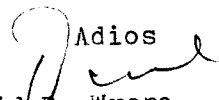
Dear Harold:

I have put together the various things I brought back from the District and your home and am now going over them to put a couple of things in order for publications.

Jim was busy. He came home at 5 or so, lazed around until 8, once 10, then went back to the office until 3 working on the David case, an item for Bernie, and apparently something else. Mae and Jennifer were busy putting the house in order to be shown to prospective buyers. Jennifer is being taught all sorts of things or rather being asked to learn all sorts of things which she does quick as lightning. I taught her how to handle a screwdriver so as not to drive the blade into her palm if it slipped, etc. Mae wants to send her to small engine repairs classes. ?? Curious. They forgot to give me a towel and soap for the several days. I do not know how they managed.

Jim also could not locate in his files or lack of the complete Bullatti case. He had sent a copy to Tony Summers, but mislaid them. He is going to N.Y.C. for three days on the Davids case I presume and will when he gets back look for them. I did get quite a lot of documents relating to it. Bud was cool to me, not overtly so. It seems, Jim says, your files going to the Midwest disappoint him. Also his drive for immortality on the backs and through the sweat of others is disturbing. What I shall do is write him a nice letter on his archives and its great potential for researchers offer him some suggestions on organization and policies (as he requested me--it seems strange this would not have been thought out before he opened it).

Right now I am starting to outline the proposed critics book, organize the articles, and prepare to ship the FOIA books to you. (I will drop Gerry a note.)

Adios  
  
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