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Dear Dr. Abbott:

This is to thank you for putting me on your mailing list and to enclose a small contribution toward the work your group is doing. I certainly agree that communication is the central problem. For almost five years I have been acutely conscious of the need for a newsletter such as yours, and I welcome its objectivity and constructive approach. Congratulations.

You may be hearing from me from time to time, but I have to make the single reservation that my name cannot appear publicly in this matter. My position with the Associated Press is such that the opportunity I have to spot events and trends before they become publicly known probably would be ended overnight if either the AP or I were mentioned. Example: I can say that last Tuesday night, Oct. 15, Roger Craig said in Midlothian that his 14-year-old son had been missing for 24 hours and that he feared he had been kidnaped. As far as I know this did not get into print anywhere. You can take it from there, but I think you'll agree it would accomplish nothing to indicate where it came from except in a most general way. I have seen nothing further on it. The boy may be quite okay by now, but if not, why have we heard nothing?

I hope you continue your campaign to prevail upon the critics to refrain from disemboweling each other. Mrs. Heagher seems to me to be particularly regrettable in view of the distinguished role she has played; everyone is permanently indebted to her. My own personal suspicion is that she may have overlooked the importance of two factors: 1, no one can possibly know the complexity and enormous importance of developments in New Orleans without following one or both of the New Orleans dailies closely; 2, the DA has operated under relatively great constraint lest he prejudice Shaw's case (and lose his own battle) and one has to assume that what he has been able to say in public must of necessity represent only the top of the iceberg. The surprising thing may be that he has not resorted to more rather silly devices like the telephone code. Very few good prosecutors are good public relations men. If they were they wouldn't be good prosecutors.

If they are available, please send a set of back issues of your newsletter to:

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They are not researchers in this field but are deeply interested.

I enclose a separate list of others who are more actively interested, and who already may be on your mailing list.

With every best wish,

James D. White

Helen Hartman; Steffen Sorensen; Mrs. Shirley Storey