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8/16/72 I know you wonder at the vigor or intemperance of some of the things I do, so another illustration. After writing the enclosed reminder to Lesar on the Ray things I did get him on the phone. It turns out that he has again completed the third draft of the petition without having copies of my last two commentaries and volunteers that he agrees at least some of the points must be included! What a helluva way to work!

And experiences teaches me that not only must I capture their attention, which politeness has less chance of doing, but I must be abrasive and persistent or they'll not take things seriously. Moreover, if they get a bit angry they are more likely to both think and try to counter what I say, which is necessary for they do not devil's advocate themselves and I am not there to do it. Nor should my view be accepted without question. After two years of polite effort, when I make an issue of some things they still have not done, they agree they now must be done, when it is too late. I bearded Hanes, personally, well over a year ago, and with this on tape tried to get them to get from him what should be available. In May I learned from Frank, even after clobbering him in live TV, that Hanes had considered copying a plea. Four days later I got from Ray the details. He had rejected them. It now turns out that he had told Bud this on their first interview. Hanes was offered 1/5 the time, in reality much less than that because of the conditions of a 99-year sentence, and they are arguing Foreman's conflict of interest, the effectiveness of counsel, the impropriety of the judge presiding over the deal and have ignored the unsolicited offer of a fifth of what Foreman conned Ray into? I find this all so incredible that I could justify explosiveness on this basis alone. Generally, however, I think I control it and am this way for effect. Sometimes I want my anger to be known. And the reasons understood... Now these are some of the brighter and they are lawyers. Can you get a reading on the real state of the so-called critical community from this?... Putting Je's modifies Hunt tabulation to what may be good use. HW