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JDW,HR: recent business re Fensterwald and his partner may seem petty but in the long run it is not. When JL phoned tonight I asked him if he had been given a copy of Bud's partner's letter, which does refer to an alleged conversation with JL. When he said he hadn't been he was reminded that the secretary who knows it is b.s., was so shook up that she forgot to make copies. Jim asked if I'd give her one. I said I'd already put one in an envelope for him because I knew such blatant lies would not be given him....There's a little sweet juice in this. ...She is one of the most efficient, overworked and underpaid of legal secretaries, from the Philippines and not on permanent status. Bud can hang onto her and underpay her because he gets her stay extended. He has been careful not to use his connections to get her permanent status. Thus has he milked her since 1969 to my knowledge. ...We didn't spend much time on it but I had to tell JL. He also recognizes the deliberate falsity of that letter and is prepared to make no mistakes. Or reference. This partner has so ~~mf~~ often wrung his hands and shook his head with JL and me...The love of money may be the root of all evil but the money itself is the corruption...Instead of having another qualified legal secretary, which he can afford, Bud rents the space out and over-works this one. He also has a typist....I told JL that partner had said he'd been up for hours writing a letter he tore up. Jim said true. I said not to what I just wrote. Just wrote? JL asked. "Yesterday" I quoted letter. JL said long time ago. Must have been over Playboy/ Guiccioni thing....Not being rich, with this as what happens, has its advantages....Rotten business when we consider what simply honesty could have accomplished. HW 5 minutes before 1/10/75 (that's what the adrenalin does!)