

Don't know if I cued you in on Ray's letter to Livingston virtually asking him to resign or saying he'll be fired. The history is that late last summer Bud asked me to suggest this to Ray. Fearing a bug I wrote it out succinctly and checked it with Jim, showed it to Jimmy and left with it. I did tell him verbally what had happened in Memphis, when I caught Bob with Bud persuaded limiting the case to the financial crookedness. Today I got a carbon of Bob's reply to Jimmy. He is stonewalling and hanging on. The lies are pretty large. Jim showed the letter to Bud today. Bud's copy had not come. Bud shrugged his shoulders and said he is staying out of it. Stalwart is the word for him. I had asked Jim, who also wants not to be where it is unclear, to be sure to warn Bud to tell the scrupulous truth if there are any questions. He didn't. I asked and warned him tonight that it has to be done or Bud will lie, too, and that will make things worse. Including for Bud. Livingston is crazy. His letter includes three explicit statements that deliberately and consciously he violated the canons on lawyers and publicity. I told Jim there is a difference between letting things take their course and copping out, that he should do and say nothing but that there has to be truthfulness if there are any questions raised. Jimmy knows the whole truth and he is also not foolish enough to believe Livingston's explanations, which include my not being hep. Actually, while I don't dare write when my letters are still intercepted, Jimmy can include parts of this letter as reasons for firing Bob. In fact he should. I read the parts to Jim.... Maybe nothing will happen but I think it will and this backgrounds you if it does. Best, HW 2/9/76 FEB 16 1976