

Chapin Trial: No Cheers
From the Prosecutors

To the Editor:

Patrick J. Buchanan's comments on questions of justice [Op-Ed June 13] included the assertion that prosecutors "cheered and embraced" when a jury found Dwight Chapin guilty of perjury. The statement is totally false. What did happen, according to reporters and lawyers present, was that a number of people, including Mr. Chapin and his attorneys, shook hands with the men at the Government's table. It was a solemn moment and treated as such by all those present.

I am not the person to respond to Mr. Buchanan's general charge of systematic corruption, nor to debate what I see as gross distortions. But it does appear that I could say, as a fellow alumnus, that Pat may need a refresher course at the Columbia Journalism School.

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