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**From:** Privitera, John J.  
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**To:** 'S B Lewis'  
**Subject:** confidential---as to juries

Sandy:

I am midway through prosecution of a motion for your attorney fees. If we win, the Farm will benefit, not me. The relative success or the motion is inconsequential to my painfully long overdue invoice, much less my income. You have repeatedly agreed to pay it.

My partners are concerned because the size and term of the Farm's invoice sets a firm record.

Jacob's image and future here are impaired by the lack of payment for his time.

I have researched the market and I am now reminded that I am way below market.

There are lawyers in Albany at twice my hourly rate and more that are worth half as much or less.

I trust you appreciate my devotion to the Farm, the issue, you, Barbara, and the battle we have won.

Needless to say, I have sacrificed many relationships in winning the battle; I believe I have enough integrity and pride to appreciate that these losses are the price of professionalism. Most others, as you know, have allowed relationships to infect and prey upon their professionalism. I am devoted only to the client at hand, damn the torpedoes.

You expressed concern to Mayor Koch, who reassured you that if you had a good lawyer, as to which you agreed, you would win. You have.

I trust you will pay my full invoice by year end, no matter what happens to the motion.

I am not a bank. You are not a borrower.

By way of advice, I have often said and repeat now that it is not in your best interest to discuss your attorney/client relationship with the press—particularly in writing.

John

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