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Senator Dennis DeConcini  
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Dear Senator DeConcini:

I am in receipt of your letter of June 2, 1989.

Senator, you have understandably chosen to use selective recall of the meeting in your office. My letter to Senator McCain avoids the selective memory you have chosen.

The fact that I have publicly disclosed that there was a meeting at all is embarrassing enough, given that it was held in the privacy of your office. I can understand why you so vehemently deny today what actually did occur in the meeting, Senator.

I reported to my staff exactly what occurred in that meeting within a half hour of its conclusion. I had nothing to gain then from reporting what was said in the meeting. Nor do I have anything to gain today, certainly not accusations of "stooping to...duplicity" by you sir. Nor do they have anything to gain.

The truth is, Senator DeConcini, the meeting lasted an hour. We did not talk for an hour about what I didn't know about Lincoln Savings (I suggested that you therefore talk with the regulators from San Francisco). My description of the meeting in your office as recounted in my letter to Senator McCain is fully accurate and fully truthful. The fact that what was said in that meeting is now emanantly embarrassing to you Senator does not mean that it did not occur. You cannot simply shred it because you are a United States Senator and are somehow above criticism by an ordinary citizen who was there, and reported to his staff while a government employee, what occurred in the meeting. Senatorial status does not immunize you from truthful disclosure.

Not only do I stand by my recounting of the meeting to Senator McCain but I also want to state, Senator DeConcini, that telling the truth, ugly as it may be, is not duplicity. I invite you, Senator DeConcini to call the members of my staff, to whom I reported the details of the meeting in question, to verify my report to them -- only a half hour after the meeting in your office concluded.

I am an honorable man, Senator DeConcini. I am an honest man. I am indeed sorry that you have chosen to react as you have. Your vehemence and name-calling are an interesting commentary in themselves.

Sincerely,

  
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