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My dear Ivan:

I recall a poem of years ago, called "Stand the Gaff?" It goes something like this:

"Stand firm, my son, when you're right.  
Stand the Gaff.  
The world seems ready to jeer you.  
Let 'em laugh.  
There are those who give thought,  
Some have vision short.  
Whose actions and mouthings make you snort.  
Stand the Gaff!

"Tho many may jeer and make sport of your plight,  
There'll be many more who will see the light.  
So, when the time comes before you to be or  
seem right,  
Then, to Hell with appearances,  
STAND UP AND FIGHT!!!

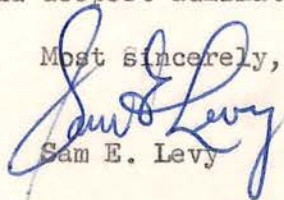
Honestly, I am so proud of you. I am proud I have been shoulder to shoulder to a man who has the intestinal fortitude to speak his piece; a man who stood head high when he spoke in Washington last week to the Senate Committee; a man who stands four-square for the rights of all peoples and dared to say so.

There will be many who will criticise. Many may even try to vilify you for your speech. Thank God, there will be many more who will stand with you. I know I will.

God bless and keep you, now and for a long, long time.

With my very best regards and deepest admiration, I am

Most sincerely,



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