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*Marty Goyer -
The plot begins
to thicken?*

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Dear Mike:

I have just received from Marty Hurley the xerox of a letter you sent to Mr. Arly Allen of the Allen Press in Lawrence, Kansas. That letter is dated 25 October 1973. You wrote in that letter,

"ICA is happy to continue with its present contractual arrangements with Allen Press through 1974. We have been most pleased with the production of the Journal of Communication which you and your staff have so ably undertaken.

One item, unrelated to the Journal: Please send correspondence to me at my address in Ohio, rather than in Tulsa. Because I will be traveling extensively, I prefer to have mail screened by my secretary in Athens. She has instructions on what to forward to me, and what to forward to other ICA executive officers for their disposition."

I herewith nullify your letter completely. Your letter has no authority and is totally at variance with the extensive negotiations that have been and are continuing to be made by the Association and the Journal of Communication.

You ceased being the Executive Secretary of the Association in September, well before the 25 October 1973 date of your letter to Mr. Allen. Just before you left Athens for Tulsa, you phoned me, with Bob Goyer on the line, saying you could not hold that post any longer, and you nominated a successor. I accepted your resignation, thanked you for your past service, and then wrote that I could not accept the nomination you had made. The Bylaws required me as President to assume the duties of Executive Secretary until the Board made an appointment. At the meeting of the Board in New Orleans last September 28 and 29, the Board named Marty Hurley the Acting Executive Secretary. Meanwhile ICA funds to you had been cut off, and you have not participated or been informed of the proceedings of the Board.

Your letter to Mr. Allen is totally misconceived, and a copy of this letter to you is going to Mr. Allen, to the Board, and to George Gerbner in order to undo the confusion that has been created.

Sincerely,

Fred

Alfred G. Smith
President

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