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Dear Lenny,

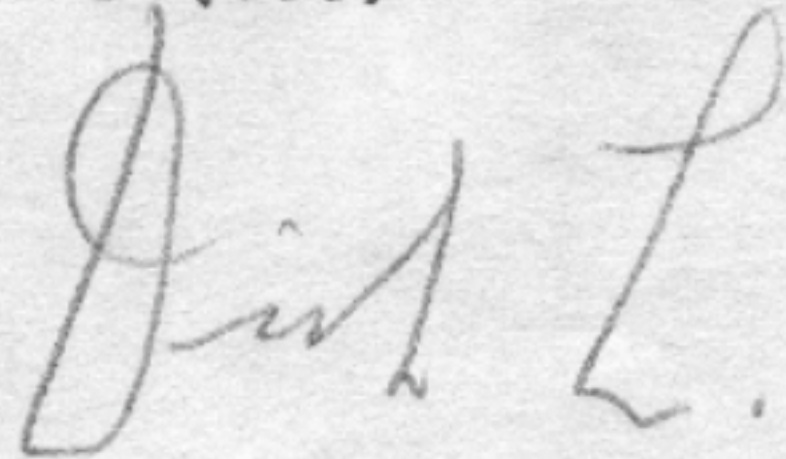
I almost hesitate to type you another note for fear of making mistakes that might cost me the implied possibility of a typing job with the GRAPEVINE.

Thanks for printing the correct version of that excerpt from that speech (which, for better or for worse, I did write myself).

I'm a little puzzled as to how you got, logically, from the misdemeanors of the P.A. Times to an attack on the Stanford News Service, since where the Times got itself in trouble was by not following the News Service, rather than by following it. (Or, as you suggest, what they did was to follow it part way and then pretend that they were doing nothing of the kind.)

Yes, I do see, and probably read as much as most people do of any given paper, the GRAPEVINE. Old liberals (which I've never claimed to be but have often been charged with being) have a weakness for trying, at least some of the time, to understand other viewpoints than their own. Such understanding would be easier if more people retained a sense of humor along with their commitment, as it seems to me you have always done.

Yours (etc)

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "John L.", written in dark ink.