

Rapaport to Holt—October 23, 1957

Dear Bob,

We have just hung up and I have written to Smith.

Let me say this: if you'd have submitted a paper somewhere and I would have been asked to advise on it and I would have felt the way you did ('that is not the place for the paper')—I'd have certainly first called you up and given you a chance to explain why you submitted it and to convince me that I am wrong, or else to give you a chance to withdraw it before I transmitted my criticisms which I was asked for.

I realize that this is a matter of temperament, I realize also that mutual relationships of such long standing as ours have complexities, particularly when one is in the process of reviewing one's relationships. But: were it not that I have known you long, feel respect and fondness for you, and trust you, I would not have been able to find this amusing like a slip, but would have taken it as an action and not one of a friendly sort.

I write this so that when we meet we do not have to go over it. Naturally, if you will feel like going over it, I shall not object.

With best regards

David