

From: lucy lake [mailto: [REDACTED]]
Sent: Wednesday, September 08, 2010 8:57 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: hope all's well

Frank—

I'm back east now, but still connected to Alaska 24/7 through email and phone.

I hope your enterprise is going well, but at the same time I must say that if you are at all realistic you will recognize that only my book about Palin will have national and international traction.

If at any point down the road you'd like to discuss ways and means of my utilizing some of your insights and recollections, please get in touch.

But let me be clear: this is *not* a suggestion that I might ever pay you for your information. Others may work that way; I do not.

Cordially,
Joe

From: lucy lake [[REDACTED]]
Sent: Thursday, February 17, 2011 6:07 PM
To: [REDACTED]

Subject: Re: Jeanne & Frank Bailey

[REDACTED]--

I apologize to you for assuming you must have known. It never occurred to me that [REDACTED] would have known and not have told you. I'm sorry for jumping to that conclusion, but I thought it was like if [REDACTED] knew something really important that impacted friends and work on many levels she would share it, and vice versa.

I accept your word that you didn't know. [REDACTED] has just emailed me that she did, but did not tell you.

I don't know when Jeanne started taking money to work on the Bailey project, but if she truly considered me a friend she would have told me. Then it would have been no big deal. She has a right to do whatever she thinks she needs to do, and if using her talent to whore for a schmuck like Frank Bailey is what she thinks she needs to do, she's welcome to do it.

But after all the supposed friendship of last summer, to *not* tell me, even as I continued to share with her things about my book and publication plans, etc.: that's a flat-out betrayal.

Not so incidentally, I think she's created a big ethical problem for herself in regard to Mudflats. She continues to write about Sarah as if she's merely a blogger casting a critical eye, when in fact she's secretly taking money to work on an anti-Sarah project and hoping for more if the project sells, which she can help by trashing Sarah on Mudflats. Yuck. That smells.

I understand you wondering why this is a big deal. It's a big deal because she never told me, even while purporting to be my friend. I knew Jeff Dunn was writing a book about Sarah before I ever knew Jeff. We've always been totally upfront with each other.

Jeanne was the opposite of upfront. She tells me she feels guilty about that now. Too late. Her proposal could--though it probably won't, which I can say now that I've read the full manuscript attached to the proposal--lead to a book that would come out at the same time as mine and detract from the attention paid to mine by diluting it, thereby hurting my sales, thereby taking money out of my pocket in order that she might have more to put into hers.

All's fair, yes, but what's not fair is pretending to be a friend while working secretly on something that could only hurt, not help the "friend."

The bigger question is about Mudflats. She has been deceiving her readers for months by not acknowledging that she was ghost-writing a book for Frank Bailey.

She's made some very bad decisions, [REDACTED], and [REDACTED]--as her best friend--became complicit in them by helping her to keep her secrets.

You and I, my friend, we are--I hope--as we were, and I apologize again for assuming that [REDACTED] would have shared this with you. [REDACTED] sends her best to you also.

I have nothing to say about [REDACTED] role, although you'll notice that the agent uses her name in the pitch letter.

Jeanne has a lot to be ashamed of. She betrayed not only me but all Mudflats readers by not acknowledging her secret role as Bailey's ghostwriter over all these many months.

ciao,
Joe

From: lucy lake [REDACTED]

Date: Thu, 17 Feb 2011 17:56:25 -0500

To: AKMuckraker [REDACTED]

Subject: Bailey & you

Jeanne--

Surprised to see you are working with Frank Bailey.
More than disappointed you didn't tell me.

Joe

On Thu, Feb 17, 2011 at 6:17 PM, <akmuckraker [REDACTED]> wrote:

Joe, you were top on my list to tell. I've been sick having to internalize this. I had to sign a non-disclosure agreement at the very beginning that I would not tell anyone. My own mother died not even knowing I was working on this.

I don't know what to say other than I'm sorry, and that in any of our conversations regarding your project I have been absolutely respectful in keeping those things completely between us.

Hope you can forgive me. :(

Love you.

Sent via BlackBerry by AT&T

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From: lucy lake [REDACTED]

To: akmuuckraker [REDACTED]

Sent: Thursday, February 17, 2011 2:50 PM

Subject: Re: Bailey & you

Please don't cheapen the word "love." Nor your mother.
You've already cheapened yourself.