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John,

More than two weeks ago in the attached email you offered to "respond" to my August 12th challenge to John Alite, whose threatening email to me on August 4th began with the subject line "Jerk off."

From: John Ricciutti <jricciutti@comcast.net>
Subject: JOHN ALITE
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Mr Lance, is the above your email address ? I would like to respond to your mailing regarding John Alite.

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I never heard back from you, but since then, I've taken the time to screen your interview with Alite conducted on June 19th, 2015 in conjunction with his book tour for "Gotti's Rules." According to YouTube it's had an astonishing 10,248 views. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OGu9tJE4BD4>

After watching it, as a journalist, I was frankly stunned that you not only took Alite's word for everything he said, without challenge, but you clearly had not read "Gotti's Rules" George Anastasia account of Alite's unbelievable story of his years as an alleged player in the Gambino family.

While you hid your sheet of questions behind the book, you took Mr. Alite's word that he was now reformed and a "motivational speaker" who talks "straight to kids" with an anti-bullying message. At one point during the interview you actually said:

"You're a completely different person than you were at that time of your life and you reach out to people."

You also accepted, without question, Alite's claim that he spent "20 years in and out of prisons," an absolute fabrication that you could have easily fact-checked. Since Alite is in his early 50's that would have meant that he'd spent 40% of his life behind bars. Ridiculous.

In truth, he was sentenced in 2011 to 120 months, a term reduced by 20 months when the Feds intervened with his sentencing judge Susan Bucklew.

<http://www.nydailynews.com/life-style/health/john-junior-gotti-rat-buddy-john-alite-10-year-prison-sentence-article-1.112949>

He got credit for six years "time served" (including his two years in a Brazilian prison) and was released on supervised probation in 2012.

You could have learned that from a simple Wikipedia search:

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/John_Alite

Although that entry reports his release as 2013. He actually got out in the Spring of 2012, according to "Gotti's Rules," but then again, as host of a book discussion show on local cable you wouldn't have had to do your work and read the book in order to know that.

Later, during your interview, you proved that you hadn't read it when you naively asked Alite, "How do you join the Mafia. Did you ever go to the Bergin Hunt & Fish Club?"

If you'd actually turned the pages before allowing Alite to mislead your viewing public, you'd have found thirteen (13) different references in the book to the Bergin (Gotti Senior's social club).

Later you just accepted Alite's word that he is "involved" in The Bully Project and you nodded acceptance when he said, "I never realized how much cyber-bullying there was until people were trying to bully me."

Well John, if Alite asked you to clean up after him with me, he must have shared with you the attached email he sent me on August 4th, 2015 with the subject line "Jerk off." It's not only threatening and menacing but a textbook case in the same kind of cyber-bullying of which he claims to be a victim.

If you scroll to the end of my response to him (August 12th) you'll see proof of how he threatened Janine Finch, a nice English lady who merely questioned one of his allegations on line.

As to Alite's credibility as a witness, when it comes to his sworn testimony against John A. "Junior" Gotti see this AP story on the comments by jurors after the mistrial; resulting in the Feds throwing in the towel after four (4) failed prosecutions of "Junior;" deciding never again to use Alite as a witness.

<http://abclocal.go.com/story?section=news/local&id=7147461>
Afterward, some jurors said they were evenly split throughout their deliberations on all counts. But they were unanimous on one point: The government's star cooperator, admitted mob enforcer and former Gotti friend John Alite, bombed on the witness stand.

"The whole jury agreed he was the least credible," said one juror who refused to give his name. The jurors identities were withheld by the court for their protection, a common practice in mob cases.

If you are still bent on defending John Alite, aka "John Alletto," aka "Johnny Corvette," please get back to me as soon as possible. I'm copying Alite, his lawyer Doug Anton, Michael Morrison and Beth Silfin of HarperCollins.

Respectfully,

Peter Lance

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This was my response to Alite August 12th, which prompted you to contact me for my email address so that you could respond. In the copy of his "Jerk off" email, I emphasized (in bold) some of his most outrageous accusations, among them that I am a "heroin addict who was chased from his work in television."

If you have any doubts about just how outrageous and defamatory that assertion is, visit the short bio on my amazon.com author's page.

http://www.amazon.com/Peter-Lance/e/B001HD1116/ref=sr_tc_2_0?qid=1434401493&sr=1-2-ent

It cites the four investigative books I wrote for HarperCollins from 2003-2013 — each of which was documented with massive annotation (unlike "Gotti's Rules" which doesn't have a single footnote, end note or piece of documentary evidence other than the January 16th, 2006 FBI 302 memo purportedly documenting "Junior's" 45 minute proffer session which took place nearly a year earlier.

This 302, was written AFTER the government's first of three mistrials on the Curtis Sliwa allegations, but before the second, during which, if you read my Foreword to John Jr.'s book "Shadow of My Father," you'll see just how far the Feds were willing to go to convict him.