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Sharon:

This is the first chance I've had to write since your appearance on The Today Show last month. I've been traveling non-stop in the U.S. and Europe since publication and am only now in Washington for a couple of days before having to leave again. But I want to get this off before any more time passes.

I was appalled and saddened by your outright deceits to Matt Lauer about our interviews on April 1 and 2, 2003. As you probably know by now, several people have stepped forward to corroborate what I reported you said. Those people include your former publicist, Lou Colusuonno, and my Random House editor, Peter Gethers, each of whom witnessed my conversations with you, plus the California publisher, Michael Viner, whom you spoke to about doing a tell-all book. Tina Brown in The Washington Post, and Liz Smith in The New York Post also recalled your telling them the same stories you told me.

I have to believe that your untruths about our interviews were prompted in part by the fear you expressed to me and Lou Colusuonno about the Bushes and their power to retaliate as well as what you told us about your former husband's "dark alley" threats to you in a telephone message. While I understand such fears, I cannot condone your lying, especially since you have told many others the same stories you told me about George W's use of cocaine at Camp David during his father's Presidency, Jeb's affairs, your father-in-law's infidelities, your mother-in-law's meanness, etc.

I realize you were going through a contentious divorce when you called me for lunch in April 2003 but allow me to remind you that it was your intention to leak our lunch to The New York Observer so that you could "pressure" the Bushes into giving you a better alimony settlement because you

knew they did not want you speaking to me. You did indeed leak the news of our luncheon to the Observer a week or so later.

You then called me more than a year later--May 13, 2004--and spoke for over one and half hours. You mentioned, among other things, that your divorce settlement had been increased from \$1000 to \$2500 a month. I've got the tapes and notes of that conversation in my files.

I'm sending this letter to you so that the record is clear about my strong objections to your misrepresentations about our interviews.

Regards,

Kitty Kelley

cc: Matt Lauer
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