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Subject: I need to talk with you on the phone in the next week

Hi,

One of my favorite activities in San Francisco is a storytelling series called Porchlight. It's roughly like The Moth in NYC, if you've heard that. I've been selected to tell a ten minute story about my experiences as a summer intern on Wall Street. I have plenty of anecdotes to string together and embellish about practical jokes, Bruce McM., Ace, without distressing you, but I want to check with you to make sure the boundaries are clear. [I've been telling folks about opening, sorting and trying to make sense of the mail to the Cosmo Bachelor of the Month for 25 years....] It's easy for anyone to connect me to the firms at which I worked....but I thought of a pretty good way to fragment one person's identity into a few others, retain some essential truth of my experiences and make it quite entertaining. I can make time to speak with you almost any time but since I'm in California, I prefer after 11:30 a.m. EDT. My mobile is still 415 846-3210. The reason I need to talk to you soon is that I'm telling a story on May 17.

The Porchlight series is not broadcast or blogged about, but it's got a good audience of 200 or so every month. I love it. Stories are told, not memorized or read, on a theme. The theme this month is "The Last Taboo: Money." The website is www.porchlightsf.com if you're curious. I'm the most dedicated fan, have recruited storytellers, suggested themes, helped get the show back on track when it was slipping, etc.

I hope you're well. It's been a tough month: a good friend -- a brilliant top graduate of India's Institute of Technology -- died suddenly after a toughly fought recovery from a spectacular medical f*&^--up, my mom's significant other (since 1975!) is facing a difficult battle with bladder cancer and a very close friend's loved one has been diagnosed with a miserable gastric cancer....

Best,
David