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LEVINE: Stuart Levine  
CELLINI: Bill Cellini

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1 LEVINE Hello Bill.

2 CELLINI Are you havin' dinner?

3 LEVINE No, no. No, I've finished. You know  
4 what I, I gotta get somethin' uh, off,  
5 this, Tommy's problem exists uh, uh,  
6 because uh, he lied about uh, you know  
7 tryin' to sell the company.

8 CELLINI Yes.

9 LEVINE And uh, he didn't tell the whole truth  
10 to Staff, you know when he told you and  
11 you were workin' on that thing in the  
12 letter that uh, Terry McCabe and because  
13 he has, he has these things he doesn't  
14 know what we know, what we don't know.  
15 But you know these, when you mentioned  
16 these letters, you know the letter of  
17 confidentiality be signed with other  
18 companies.

19 CELLINI Mm hm. Mm hm.

20 LEVINE I mean he, he started hemming and hawing  
21 a bit because they exist. And I, I, I  
22 think that, you know just like, just  
23 like these guys he can't just say to  
24 you, you know Levine's playing games  
25 with me. I, I'm gonna have Eddie talk  
26 to him, but I, I would like you to say  
27 to him that, that you mentioned to me  
28 that he said I'm playing games and you  
29 can tell him, that uh, he lied to Staff.  
30 At the last Board meeting Jon said that  
31 Staff was lied to. And that's why they

1 put a brick on uh, on his uh, on his  
2 allocation. Nothing has been said uh,  
3 uh, uh to...

4 CELLINI Wait, wait a minute, tell me this  
5 because...

6 LEVINE Because he lied to Staff. That's,  
7 that's what happened at the last Board  
8 meeting.

9 CELLINI Okay, do you think Jon will say that?

10 LEVINE Well, well, uh, well uh, well Jon told  
11 the Board that he lied.

12 CELLINI Oh, he did.

13 LEVINE No, no, the, the, the Board was told  
14 that uh, that they were trying to sell  
15 the company.

16 CELLINI Mm hm.

17 LEVINE And that uh, that uh, that they were  
18 never told that. And uh, the Board said  
19 don't give 'em anything. And then uh,  
20 then uh, you know he called you and  
21 Terry McCabe called him and he said  
22 well, you know uh, you were, you were  
23 talkin' to uh, to companies and talkin'  
24 to Mesirow. Oh we only talked to  
25 Mesirow once, you know all that kind of  
26 stuff.

27 CELLINI Yeah.

28 LEVINE Then they came up with that letter. The  
29 fact is that Staff is aware that they  
30 talked to more companies than that.  
31 First of all the agenda is very full.  
32 Okay.

33 CELLINI Mm hm.

34 LEVINE Secondly, had this come up if, if, if  
35 they would have been on the agenda. The  
36 teachers wanted to know well what

1                   happened I thought he was, you know they  
2                   had lied. And in the discussion it  
3                   would have come up that uh, that uh,  
4                   there would more, been more stuff they  
5                   could of lost their whole allocation.  
6                   And I st-, stood up for him a bit the  
7                   last time or so he thinks.

8           CELLINI           You know what let, let, let me, let's,  
9                   let's, let's you and I talk about how we  
10                   can make sure that we don't, we don't  
11                   get middled here.

12          LEVINE           Well, what I don't, I don't want Tom  
13                   Rosenberg thinks that he can somehow  
14                   squeeze me. That's gotta come off his  
15                   mind too. You know uh, Tom Rosenberg  
16                   has used me uh, and I don't want  
17                   anything from him. But I'm not gonna be  
18                   used now as a, as a pawn for him to be  
19                   able to get what he wants. And he's  
20                   gotta know that I'm pissed at his  
21                   attitude at the very least.

22          CELLINI           Well,...

23          LEVINE           Let him ask for help.

24          CELLINI           Is, is uh, is Eddie gonna call him and  
25                   tell him that?

26          LEVINE           Oh I'm gonna have Eddie call him too.  
27                   But I think it's important that you say  
28                   something to him also.

29          CELLINI           Okay, I can do that.

30          LEVINE           I think that you can, you, you, I'm  
31                   gonna have Eddie call him because on a  
32                   different level.

33          CELLINI           Okay, but you gotta tell me again so I  
34                   know...

35          LEVINE           Oh, ok-...

36          CELLINI           What it is I gotta do.

1 LEVINE Okay first, at the last Board meeting  
2 uh, uh, Jon Bauman told uh, um, the  
3 Board that uh, Staff was lied to.

4 CELLINI Okay. But that was prior to uh, McCabe  
5 (UI).

6 LEVINE Oh yeah sure, but that's the last Board  
7 meeting. We haven't had a Board meeting  
8 since.

9 CELLINI Okay.

10 LEVINE You know.

11 CELLINI Uh huh.

12 LEVINE Now, yes then McCabe came in and McCabe  
13 uh, told Mel we just had this letter  
14 this and that. But tell him that Staff,  
15 Staff uh, uh, uh, Staff thinks that  
16 there's more. And about these, that,  
17 that, that they signed, Staff, Staff,  
18 it's kind of out in the street that he  
19 signed um, uh, uh, confidentiality  
20 letters with other people he was talkin'  
21 to which Terry McCabe said nothing  
22 about. He even acknowledged to you that  
23 that took place today, correct?

24 CELLINI That, that,...No he wasn't that, I  
25 couldn't understand what the hell he was  
26 sayin'.

27 LEVINE He said all those letters of  
28 confidentiality. I mean but he kind of  
29 acknowledged that they existed.

30 CELLINI Well he implied it.

31 LEVINE Yeah.

32 CELLINI Yeah.

33 LEVINE Uh, that's the same thing he did when  
34 you first confronted him with, you know  
35 when you're talkin' about selling the  
36 company to anybody (UI).

1 CELLINI Yeah, but then he tried to deflect it by  
2 then going to the, the uh, are you  
3 trying to say that a black firm...

4 LEVINE Yeah, but, but, but that, yeah but that,  
5 but the point is that Bauman said that  
6 the guys from Capri lied to Staff.

7 CELLINI Mm hm. Mm hm.

8 LEVINE And they would've taken away all,  
9 everything they had they could've said  
10 why don't you fire him. And I'm gonna  
11 say well they're a good provider why  
12 don't we find out what this is about.

13 (PAUSE)

14 CELLINI Okay, so...

15 LEVINE That was the last time, you know this...

16 CELLINI The last Board meeting, yeah, okay, so  
17 let's keep, keep going so.

18 LEVINE Alright. So, so, so, so now he um, he  
19 um, uh, uh, McCabe uh, se-, gives Jon a  
20 letter that says um, uh, we only talked  
21 to Mesirov once whatever it is. But the  
22 fact is that at the Board meeting the  
23 Board members are gonna say and, and,  
24 and this is fine and the fact is that  
25 Staff is gonna say well we think there's  
26 letters of confidentiality out there.  
27 And they're gonna be asked about it.

28 LEVINE And I was helping to protect 'em.

29 CELLINI Well you gotta get uh, Eddie's gotta  
30 tell him that then.

31 LEVINE Well that, that, that's fine, but I  
32 think it's very important that you tell  
33 him that, that, that uh, uh, um, uh, to  
34 say that Stu Levine is uh, that you told  
35 me that you said, you know Stuart play,  
36 Stuart's playing games with me.

1 CELLINI Mm hm.

2 LEVINE And you can tell him that Stuart was  
3 livid and that he said that I'm playing  
4 games with him. I said you could, you  
5 could uh, uh, tell him that I, I asked  
6 you to call him to say that I have done  
7 nothin' but try to help him since day  
8 one I've been on this Board and I've got  
9 nothin' but abuse as a result of it and  
10 I'm fuckin' sick and tired of it. And  
11 I'll have Eddie talk to him.

12 CELLINI Okay, okay.

13 LEVINE But he, he, he's gotta hear that I'm  
14 fuckin' livid at him 'cause I am.

15 CELLINI Okay, okay. Uh,...

16 LEVINE You know he, it is, it is, he is, that  
17 he is a motherfucker, we all know.

18 CELLINI Yeah.

19 LEVINE But he cannot feel that all he has to do  
20 is, is push around and he's gonna get  
21 everything he wants. Because you know I  
22 could just sit back keep my mouth shut  
23 after a few things go by he'll lose his  
24 whole allocation. He still needs to be  
25 maneuvered.

26 CELLINI Yeah, yeah, yeah. Uh,...

27 LEVINE But should I do that while he has an  
28 attitude out there of oh Levine um, he's  
29 playin' games with me.

30 CELLINI Yeah. No I was tryin' to think of how  
31 to get him off of that. Uh,...

32 (PAUSE)

33 CELLINI ...I mean it's easy enough for me to say  
34 you, you know that you were pissed.

35 LEVINE Mm hm.

1 CELLINI Um,...

2 (PAUSE)

3 LEVINE Why don't you, why don't you say Tommy,  
4 why don't you apologize to him at least  
5 through me that you feel this way. I  
6 mean I, you know I need to Stuart to  
7 help me maneuver somethin' here. How  
8 'bout that?

9 (PAUSE)

10 CELLINI Wait a minute, tell me what to do 'cause  
11 I...

12 LEVINE Well I'm suggesting that why don't you  
13 say that uh, that you know uh, uh, Tom  
14 you oughta, he's not, he's been help,  
15 tryin' to help you. He's not playing a  
16 game with you. You apparently have  
17 stuff out there that, that can get you  
18 into a lot of trouble here. It's you,  
19 you said Tom you lied to the Staff and  
20 you're lyin' to 'em now. That's your  
21 problem. You should say that to him.

22 CELLINI Mm hm. Okay, okay.

23 LEVINE And, and, and, and, and Stuart hasn't  
24 been gaming he's been tryin' to help you  
25 and, and uh, I told Stu what you thought  
26 and he, he, and he says you know let  
27 Tommy go fuck himself why should I  
28 continue to help him. And uh, and you  
29 say you know uh, uh, Tommy, you know  
30 maybe you're wrong maybe you should  
31 apologize for that.

32 CELLINI Oh, say to Tommy that he should  
33 apologize.

34 LEVINE Yeah.

35 CELLINI Okay.

36 LEVINE Let him get off his business about he's  
37 being gamed and then we'll see what we

1 do with him.

2 CELLINI Ah, okay, okay, now I gotcha. Okay.

3 LEVINE Yeah.

4 CELLINI I was reading that you were sayin' that,  
5 that I should apologize to him.

6 LEVINE No, no, no.

7 CELLINI I'm tryin'...

8 LEVINE No, no, no you, no, no. You should say  
9 that, you know that, that when you told  
10 me that uh, that uh, that, you know I,  
11 that Tommy, Tommy thinks I'm playin'  
12 games with him.

13 CELLINI Mm hm.

14 LEVINE That his problem is that he's lied to  
15 Staff and he never came forth...this  
16 stuff comes up. We tried to maneuver to  
17 uh, to uh, uh, to protect him, but of  
18 course Tommy's not talkin' to anybody.  
19 So he doesn't know what's goin' on.  
20 And, and um, uh, uh, uh, then he calls  
21 you up and uh, and you're just uh, you  
22 know you don't know anything. And you  
23 gotta rely upon me to help and that,  
24 that when T-, when you told me that uh,  
25 that uh, Tommy thinks that I'm playing  
26 games with him that I became you know  
27 livid. I said you know Bill, we try to  
28 help the guy out and he tries and, and,  
29 and, and, and, and, and he uh, he tries  
30 to put it on me. I mean you tell him  
31 that he should apologize to me for  
32 that...at least through you.

33 CELLINI Yeah I gotcha. Okay.

34 LEVINE And then, then you'll say then you know  
35 I'll see what I can do to uh, to uh,  
36 meaning you Bill...

37 CELLINI Yeah.



1 LEVINE Will say you know find out what they can  
2 do so that he doesn't get middled at the  
3 Board meeting so that Staff ends up  
4 saying well, you know uh, you know  
5 they're still lying to us. Which is  
6 what he's walkin' into.

7 CELLINI Because we do think that there are  
8 letters of confidentiality (UI).

9 LEVINE That, that's, that's, that's, that's  
10 correct. And uh, and uh, and we're not  
11 gonna tell him anymore. They do exist  
12 by the way.

13 (PAUSE)

14 CELLINI Yeah 'cause that's your trump I think  
15 isn't it?

16 LEVINE Of course. I know they exist.

17 CELLINI Uh huh.

18 LEVINE But, but uh, uh, um, uh, uh, you know I,  
19 I don't wanna get into a battle with  
20 him, but I also sure as hell can't end  
21 this by him thinkin' that he can put me  
22 in my place.

23 CELLINI Mm hm.

24 LEVINE I can't do that Bill.

25 CELLINI Yep, yep, yep, yep, yep. I'm with ya.

26 LEVINE And this is all your fault for being  
27 nice to him in the first place. No, I'm  
28 serious I mean you...(laughs)

29 CELLINI (laughs) You're right, you're right.

30 LEVINE Yeah.

31 CELLINI You're right and I should known.

32 LEVINE Yeah I, I, I mean uh, uh, uh probably he  
33 would of had to gone back to Eddie.

1 Although to tell you the truth, first of  
2 all I'm very glad it's a good thing  
3 that, that if you hadn't called him and  
4 actually told him all this which, which  
5 you know uh, Tony didn't know you were  
6 doin', if it hadn't come out like that  
7 it would of blown up worse because uh,  
8 uh, the brick would have been there and  
9 ultimately the guy would have gone and  
10 talked to him, for real.

11 CELLINI Yeah, yeah.

12 LEVINE So it's very good that this happened.

13 CELLINI Yep, yep, yep.

14 LEVINE You know.

15 CELLINI Mm hm.

16 LEVINE Anyway, yeah but j-, j-, just so he  
17 doesn't think he's putting it over on  
18 me.

19 CELLINI I, I gotcha. I gotcha. No I, I think I  
20 understand now and I know how to couch  
21 it to him.

22 LEVINE Okay.

23 CELLINI So I will call him tomorrow, not  
24 tonight.

25 LEVINE Yeah and I'll have, I'll have T-, I'll  
26 have uh, Eddie also talk 'cause I think  
27 that's quite appropriate given that he's  
28 been calling Eddie...oh I gotta come see  
29 about that and all that shit and never  
30 does.

31 CELLINI Now, so what are you gonna do with that?  
32 Is Eddie still gonna call him?

33 LEVINE Oh I think that Eddie, I think that uh,  
34 that, that Eddie should call him.

35 CELLINI Okay.

1 LEVINE Because that, well you know it, it's  
2 (UI).

3 CELLINI But I'm not saying that to him?

4 LEVINE No, no. You, but you could say that I'm  
5 saying, you know that all I do is help  
6 the guy and all I do is get abused by  
7 him. And I'm sick of it. And, well you  
8 play that how you think is best.

9 CELLINI Yep, yep, yep, yep. Okay.

10 LEVINE Okey doke.

11 CELLINI I got it. Thank you.

12 LEVINE Thanks. Bye.