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Subject: Re: Hey

Sorry it's taken me to get back to you but I'm a little overwhelmed with pressing social and academic obligations.

I read the letter and Ms. Reidy's notes and I'll start by explaining the statements that I made that lead to those notes.

The conference was between me, my mother, Ms. Reidy, Ms. Chang, Ms. Weissman, and Mr. Casella (not really sure how it's spelled). The first thing that happened was Mr. Reidy read a sheet of reasons for why my mother was in the room: manipulating students, conflict of interest, etc. My mother cut her off to ask the "was I suspended, expelled, failing" questions. Ms. Reidy explained that this does concern my education. I told her that I was missing a class to be there and she told me I needed to "adjust my attitude," a statement completely irrelevant to the situation.

She proceeded to ask me specifically where I got the flyers. I asked her which day, the night of the infamous parent-teacher meeting or the morning after. She said both. I said that the night of the conference I had taken the flyers from you and the next morning I received them from another student. She asked me if I physically took the flyers from you. I said that I returned that day to get my jacket from the locker, saw you distributing flyers, and offered my assistance, so yes I took them from you. Then "how did I find out about the flyers" and I did say word of mouth and minor participation. She then said that I told the people in executive parents' meeting that I wrote it, and I told them that I had input into it and that though I didn't write it personally, I did have input into the context so you could say I wrote it.

She asked me what points specifically I had input on. I said it was points 1 and 7, the ones about prep courses offered at the school and some other thing. She asked me if I ever went to the science department head to ask about courses. I said that I had friends at Stuyvesant who told me about there prep courses and I compared that to the schedule our school offered.

Then she asked me if I was offered anything for helping to distribute flyers. I said no, Dr. Drake didn't request my presence whatsoever. I said that a couple of times and apparently she found it necessary to write it down twice. I don't know where she got the "i heard about the flyer through a rumor" thing from because I never said anything remotely close to that. Then she asked me where I did hear about it. I told her I heard about from a teacher outside of school grounds outside of school hours. And this is the intimidation part, as I remember it, I may be lightly paraphrasing:

Mr. Reidy: What do you mean outside of school grounds? Where exactly?

Me: Outside of school.

Mr. Reidy: Where?

Me: I don't feel I'm obligated to respond to that question.

Mr. Reidy: Just tell me where, in his apartment, in a restaurant, on the street?

Me: Why is that question necessary?

Mr. Reidy: Up until now, you weren't in trouble, IF YOU'RE DISOBEYING ME NOW THEN YOU WILL BE.

Me: Nice, Ms. Reidy. Okay fine, in the street.

Oh, and that last bulletpoint. She was referring to inside the school and not outside. That was all she said. Then Ms. Chang inexplicably brought up the New York Magazine article and asked if my mother had known about it. My mom said yes. Then they had a private conversation and we went outside to smoke a cigarette. That's about it. Hope this helps. If you need anything else, detail wise, don't hesitate to ask.