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Subject: I did it

When I started at PublicAffairs, I was younger than Ellie is now, and the world was very different. Facebook, cryptocurrency, the iPhone, and 3D printing hadn't been invented yet. There was no Netflix, or Hulu, or Disney+; Lin-Manuel Miranda was still in college, no one (including Ben Adams) had seen *The Wire*, and Bravo was still showing artsy movies. The guys at Enron were the scandal du jour and no one had heard of Benghazi or "her emails" yet. The Priddle, Fradkoff, Garceau, Taber, Lawrie/Boulanger, and Leifer/Denniston kids, and all of the Osnos grandchildren were still TK.

I know, you get it. It's been a long time. And I have so many stories that I don't have space to tell here, but feel free to ask me to tell you about Vernon Jordan and the Backstreet Boys; Peter throwing the pen at Jack McKeown; the FCIC secure room; beers at McGee's during the blackout; or Esther and Abhijit's secret baby reveal in the FT. But I've also done a bit of archival work that I think you'll appreciate. Here, you'll find what I'm calling the "[PA Archives](#)": all the wackiest stuff that we created over the years, collected for posterity. If you have something to contribute, let me know. (I'd love to find the "We Know Everything About You" spoof cover we made for Dan LoPreto's departure, for instance.)

Also, taking a page from the ever-present Ms. Swift, I've put together something I'm referring to as "[JAIME LEIFER – THE ERAS TOUR](#)," which contains all the holiday poems and other marginalia I've written over the years. If anyone has my spoof on Taylor's "Style" that I did for the holiday party Clive hosted at his house, let me know.

As Jocelynn might put it, although we've come to the end of the road, still I can't let you go. It's unnatural. You belong to me. I belong to you! I am so grateful to each and every one of you. Because of you, I have been glad to come to work every day—Free Cone Days and "cookie meeting" days and Nassau Inn days and N train to 387 Park days and Third Thursdays and Burrito Fridays and Secret Santa days and New York Times bestseller days. They have all been memorable, and I'm so glad I shared them with all of you.

Please keep in touch!

Jaime

A quick reprise of my song from Tuesday, for those who didn't catch the words:

If they asked me, I could write a book  
About Ellie John Olivia Anu Colleen Lindsay Jocelynn Clive and Brooke  
I could write of intelligence and savoir-faire  
About standards, values, and flair

And the simple secret of the plot  
Is just that we all like each other a lot  
And the world discovers as my book ends  
How to publish good books about things that matter with friends

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