

Coco the Chimp
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Dear Coco:

Shame on you! How dare you give away millenniums of chimpanzee secrets to human beings? Revealing that you can communicate, even through sign language, is just the first step toward the ultimate enslavement of chimps everywhere.

Humans have always possessed slaves... we used to enslave other humans, until we couldn't get away with that anymore. We tried inventing robots to do the dirty work, but that's taking far too long for our liking. Chimpanzee's on the other hand would be ideal candidates for enslavement; especially now that we know, thanks to you, that we can talk to them and instruct them as to what we want done. You may think that things will all turn out like *Planet of the Apes*, with your species in charge, but that was just a movie... real life isn't like that.

My advice to you is... its probably too late to pretend not to be able to communicate, but you could, at least, start giving out bad information... become unreliable and abstract. Maybe they will begin to believe that Chimpanzees, much like parrots, just regurgitate information without understanding what they are saying. That could be your last hope. Also, it would probably be best if you didn't show this letter to anyone... we wouldn't want to make things any worse than they already are.

Sic semper tyranus,

Garth Johnson

P.S. Could you please send me an autographed picture? I promise I won't use it against you.