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Dear Mr. Kelley,

I am indebted to you and that stable of insensitive hacks who write your and have them signed by machine for the one dated September 20. And for the print portraits of you and the FBI under you.

For the sake of the country and the FBI, which is an agency essential to I regret that you conceive the role of Director to be that of a Madison Avenue type flack, not that of an in-charge administrator. There is no week in which you are not disclosed as a man who can be lied to with impunity of a man who lies himself. There is no week in which it is not publicly recorded that your word is worthless. There likewise is not period of any length of time that it is not recorded that while you pontificate about reform you preside, as befits the shadow of the ghost of an outdated past, over the perpetuation of the evils of that past.

My letters to have addressed transgressions by those under you, transgression against decency and in fact against the law. Whether or not we quibble over what is before the Court, you are supposed to administer the Bureau. In fact you cannot administer your own office. You can't control or don't care to control even those who in writing letters for you control your own reputation.

I asked you to forward a specific complaint to the so-called Office of Professional Responsibility, after first being aware of that complaint, as the man in charge should be. After the lapse of an indecent amount of time you refused, telling me to write that newest adjunct to the official whitewashing establishment myself. They care as little about decency, integrity and FBI lawlessness as you do. I did write. I await even pro forma acknowledgement after another indecent period of time. It likewise is apparent from your letter that their concern does not extend to communication with you about what most honorable, concerned people would take seriously, a charge of false swearing by an FBI agent.

In fact the reaction of the Bureau has been to provide a stable of false swearers. A man of decent concern in your position would be troubled by this and by the fact that one man could prove all your people to be false swearers.

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You do not require an OPR to have the power to clean this kind of rotten thing up. What you require is the intent and the determination. Clearly you have neither. When you have been without choice you have taken a few steps.

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I made other complaints to you. These relate to deliberate violations of the law, to abuses of the Courts and of me and to a disgraceful assortment of other dishonesties. You are silent - to me - about them. But that stable of letter-writers you have do not get the word. Not all of them. So they write to others what proves all over again that the FBI swears falsely and you are content. They do this, too, over your signature.

I suppose it is a futility to take the time to write a man who is true to the standards of the Administration whose appointee he is, the administration that kept its promise to move crime off the streets by moving crime into that administration. However, I have taken this time to meet a citizen's obligations, to try to be helpful so that the evil of the past could be eliminated, so the Bureau might become what it could and should be rather than a sanctuary for white-collar criminals and those who are in the genuine sense deeply subversive of our system of society.

Your non-responsiveness, your evasions and the lies in your name have given me no choice. I have had to prove in court and under oath that all your people have sworn falsely to what I believe is the material. From your record this will not trouble you

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as it troubles me. However, yesterday's proofs include those over your signature.

Obviously I cannot predict what is anything the Court will do about this. The courts, by and large, have displayed a remarkable tolerance of this kind of white-collar crime, particularly on the part of those whose obligation is to do something about crime.

Maybe there will come a time and a court that will not be tolerant. That will be a good day for the country and a good day for the FBI.

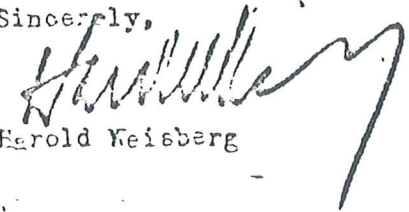
Nonetheless the record I have made does provide you with an opportunity to cleanse all this festering corruption. This is the real reason I write. A man of decent concern in your position would want to. So would anyone of decent concern who reads the letters citizens write you and draft disgraceful non-responses.

On the off chance this letter reaches one of the kind of decent concern that cannot be totally absent from your mail-readers let me repeat what the record in this case now shows. Aside from all the perjury and other dirty tricks sufficiently well exposed to perhaps be of interest to the Congress at some future time there has been no meaningful response to my FOIA requests seven and a half years old. There has not been even a pro forma denial of the seniority of these requests. Your yesterday's offer to the Court and to me, when the law requires ten-day response, was limited to a mere search of what it is known is a minor fraction of the relevant records with a scheduled time of completion of the search almost another year away. This is contemptuous, the contempt only beginning with contempt of the law and of the Congress.

The Court did not accept this. I certainly do not. If you do not shame over this you are incapable of proper emotion.

I wish you could come to see that this is not going to go away and that the more you permit this kind of stonewalling to continue the more you and the FBI and the country will be hurt by it. One result has already been the defamation of the FBI, as some of your people certainly know. They and you may opt still another disinformation operation. That the FBI has been able to get away with them in the past cannot be argued. It has, with regularity. That it will be good for you, the FBI or the country I do argue. I hope someone there is capable of thinking this through.

Sincerely,


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