

January 18, 1971

Hon. Gerhard Gesell, Judge
Federal District Court for the District of Columbia
Washington, D.C.

Dear Judge Gesell,

I write this letter following conversations earlier today with Mr. Werdig and your secretary, Miss Brown. The purpose is to respectfully request 30 days in which to respond to the government's Motion to Dismiss in Civil Action No. 2569-70. Mr. Werdig has authorized me to report this has his approval.

It was on the sixth night following mailing of this motion that I could first read it because I was away.

These papers are neither brief nor simple. Proper response, which I desire to file, will require some research and some time. Certain parts may well be beyond my capabilities.

I am, at the present time, recovering from an attack of bursitis in the right shoulder and a recurrence of an old lower-back ailment. The bursitis, sometimes painful with motion, also requires that I limit the periods spent in any repetitive use of the arm, including typing. The lower-back ailment further limits the uninterrupted time I can spend sitting in one position, as at my desk or at the typewriter, sometimes as little as a half-hour causing pain.

Because the bursitis has improved and I am taking prescribed exercise for the back condition, I am confident I can have my response filed in 30 days. I hope you will be kind enough to grant me this courtesy. If I complete it earlier I will, of course, file it promptly.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Harold Weisberg

cc: Mr. Robert M. Werdig, Jr.