

No. 12, Frederick, Md. 21701
7/23/76

Mr. Mary McManis, Secretary
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New York, N.Y. 10020

Dear Mr. McManis,

This acknowledges receipt of your letter of the 20th. It came today.

I'm sorry you did not let me know whether Mr. Seaman received my letters of 7/9 and 14 before leaving on vacation.

If he did I'd not take the time to write now. I'd just let this work its way out in court, if it now comes up there again, as it will say.

In his absence, if the question comes up, you should know that in first denying it had the "new" or any other pictures of the same the government's untruthfulness was not accidental; in denying no copies of the pictures it represented this was of Time's request going back to 1964; yet when we asked for what "we" wrote it the government produced only a single letter, dated giving us was permitted to see the pictures.

I believe I suggested to Mr. Seaman that copies of the correspondence for the court's records would establish that Time is not acting as an agent of oppressive government if there is such correspondence. In the absence of any written record the inference is apparent.

I did raise questions about executive changes for use of pictures and that the FBI, not I, has a list of the few I want to study. I would hope that in a corporation as large as Time an answer to this, to Mr. Wiseman at the FBI, written to me, would not have to await Mr. Seaman's return from vacation and his catching up with its accumulation.

His matter is currently before a federal court. If my lawyer is willing I have no choice but to press this at the next hearing the date for which has not been set pending government response to what I believe is called a Motion to Compel and a verbal order from the Court on it.

My lawyer will be leaving the country about the time Mr. Seaman will be back. My lawyer will not return until mid-September.

If it should become necessary for me to do anything when I cannot consult with him and it relates to these pictures and what they represent in this FBI suit I believe strongly enough in the principles involved to press them as best I may be able to. I would like someone in authority at Time to be aware of this and that as I am unhappy about the situation it has created I am also unhappy about any need to make an issue that need not and should not exist.

Sincerely,

Harold Weisberg

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