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Mr. Clarence Kelley, Director
FBI
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Kelley,

With your words in John Goshko's story in yesterday's Washington Post you have cast yourself in one of two invidious roles: as the rear-guard for the ghost of J. Edgar Hoover's sins or as the man who, pretending otherwise, protects and perpetuates them.

As a quotable source your words are reported as you speak them no matter how opposite your acts they may be and are. True to the Hoover ghost and faithful to the Hoover method you utter pieties and platitudes that are falsehoods, knowing they will receive attention and accurate quotation.

Skill in the practice of these deceptions and in the practice of rationalized lawlessness is what has earned for the once-respected FBI the contempt and disgust it has earned. Your "reform" consists in doing the same things and calling them something else. Whatever the daily headline you preside over a herd of rogue elephants while they trample down the first of the nation's security and integrity you and they are supposed to protect and keep secure. The moving finger of history will write of you other than do the headlines you fabricate.

Having no choice after being caught in blatant lies you admit them with the belief your "credibility has not been damaged to the point where it's beyond repair." And, "The best way to repair it is to do the job that has to be done in bringing it out."

Between us there exists in writing your concept of "the best way to repair it" and how you "do the job that has to be done in bringing it out." This record includes how under you "the FBI has turned away from the illegal methods and harassment tactics." To a disgusting degree this record between us exists in court records of which any self-respecting bureau chief would be ashamed if it were not his purpose to be a chief rogue elephant and lead his herd in continued trampling in the hope if not the belief that all will continue to be regarded as by the fabled wise men in the Geoffrey Saxe poem.

I have gone out of my way to enable you to know what goes on under you and in your name. There not only has not been a single denial or refutation from you, you have not even acknowledged one of many letters. When I resorted to certified-addressed only mail as the nation's chief cop you can't even observe postal regulations. And as an administrator of your own agency and office you cannot even keep these letters, from the returned receipts, inside your own agency.

Has the FBI under you "turned away from the illegal methods and the harassment tactics" when your agents lie to federal courts and defame me under your protection? Is it true that "information was kept from me," as you say, when I wrote you certified mail accurately reporting the information you pretend not to have? Can it be true that this information was kept from you by other than your own office staff?

When I reported the misconduct of an agent and asked you to act and to relay the complaint to the so-called Office of Professional Responsibility you have not denied the charges and not even acknowledged receipt of the complaint, leave alone the making of any inquiry to make this "repair" or to do "the job that has to be done in bringing it out." When I charged perjury to another agent in court and then proved it your "repair" in bringing it all out was not to rectify the crime, which is what perjury is, but to tell that court, actually, that I could make and prove such charges against the FBI "ad infinitum" because I know more about the assassination of a President than anyone in the FBI. What a testimonial to your FBI and to yourself!

My lawyer has copies of the letters I've written you.

He also has your letters to him in my Civil Action# 75-1996. In the last of them you lie about what was then and now is material before the court, compliance with my request and my Complaint under the law. After 14 months of stonewalling to perpetuate the FBI's misconduct of the past and to hide the truly terrible thing it did in covering up rather than solving a horrible crime that was also the most costly in our history!

Months ago, for all the world as though it would have meant compliance, which it would not, you offered me the results of a search of the Memphis Field Office for those public records called for by my Complaint and the amended Complaint. You have written my lawyer that you have done this. Yet to this moment I do not have a single xerox of a single sheet of paper. Of how much paper? The press accounts report that the staff of lawyers searching those records for this "Office of Professional Responsibility" is either five or ten. The reported estimated amount of time it will take these either five or ten lawyers to go over those files is not reported at less than three weeks. And from this, without giving me a single piece of paper, you actually wrote that I had been given everything that could "interest" me.

Then for what is Mr. Levi paying all those lawyers for all that time? Dancing their way through your Memphis Blues?

It is impossible to believe that your falsehood can be accidental.

It is possible to believe that this represents your notion of "repair" and of how "to" do the job that has to be done in bringing it all out."

This is truly Orwellian: "bringing it all out" is total suppression.

Here you cannot claim the "information was kept from" you because I sent it to you by certified mail and presented it in open court where you are a respondent.

By a carbon of this letter I am asking my lawyer to file in the court records the letter in which you deliberately lie about what was most material before that court, whether or not you had complied with the law.

You continue to stonewall other requests under the law and have stonewalled every one that reached a court. In not one was there not false swearing whether or not perjury. (Who prosecutes the prosecutor?) Your "bringing it all out" with me has ranged from pretending you did not receive such requests as the one I made for the records on me to doing everything possible to wear me out and bleed me of so much time and effort that I cannot do what I may to actually bring it out. I am therefore asking counsel to consider whether under the law and controlling decisions I can sue for damages and include you personally as a defendant.

One way or another, if there is to be real, rather than Orwellian freedom and if the FBI is to become the institution the interests of the nation require it to be there must be repair and it must all be brought out.

Sincerely,

Harold Weisberg