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Dear Mr. Wilson,

The last in an exceptionally long series of letters in which I protested non-compliance with my requests under the Act and asked when I could expect an end to this stonewalling was in response to your letter of November 1.

None is less apparent in this deliberate violation of law by the CIA and others.

You have continued to use the unethical Washington Post in still another of those classic manipulations of the press, the Congress and the people in "news management."

What was leaked to the Post has to be included in my long-overdue FOIA requests. You have denied it to me when the Act required delivery to me long ago. There is no appropriate exemption and there has already been waiver of any that might, within the Agency's traditional filigee with law and decency, have claimed to be appropriate. Moreover, it is falsehood, not information, to the Agency's knowledge and that of the Department of Justice and the FBI.

Those of you who regard the United States as just another human republic to be subverted may be correct in the apparent belief that you can get away with it. There is nothing in the record of papers like the Post or the Congress to discourage you.

The official leaders were well aware that if the Post did not go for your propaganda there is a long list of others who would.

There may be little or nothing one concerned citizen can do when the power and have limitless power and a disposition to misuse it, particularly when all have parts of which decent people would find cause for shame if not regret. However, I am willing to try still again.

You have not responded within the statutory time for my requests under the Act for statements from you about when I can expect compliance and for my requests for a statement from you of the exceptions under which you have withheld what you have asked and for my request for the inventory you long ago assured me would be made available with the documents. You have not, in fact, responded to my often-repeated request for copies of your second batch of responses. Close to a year ago I did appeal your denial by making in the first batch that is so relevant in this attempt to manipulate the Congress. I believe I have appealed all these matters except those in my last letter, particularly your withholding of the inventory and the reasons for withholding. I herewith appeal them. If there is not an appeal on any of these other matters, this is my formal appeal under the Act.

Although it is only covered in my previous requests that you have successfully stonewalled for so long I am making a separate request now for any and all records of any origin in any way relating to or involved in the current disinformation operations initiated in the Washington Post of Saturday, regardless of course, form, date, file designation or Agency interpretation of meaning. This separate request is to eliminate your contrived reasons for stalling compliance. It is made with my assurance that I will pay the costs of duplication if you ever get to live within the law and comply with my prior requests. Its purpose, to try to bypass your contempt for the law, is abundantly recorded in previous correspondence between us.

I mean this request also to include all distribution of any and all records, all briefings or other uses of them (including but not limited to press and Congress and any and all records relating to any such uses.

Sincerely,

Harold Weisberg