

Attorney General Edward Levi
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Washington, D.C.

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Dear Mr. Levi,

At my request my lawyer telegraphed you Saturday to protest the violation of my rights represented by your Department's locking of what I long ago requested under FOIA, your personal violation of the App in ordering that it be kept secret, and to demand a full investigation the results of which you would make public.

This disgraceful business is clearly another of your Department's endless disinformation operations made more insidious because it relates to the assassination of a President. It is made obscure because it is an overt effort to influence and limit if not control the workings of the Congress. In a society like ours I regard this as subversive.

You have and can have no innocence in this. You are the Attorney General. You therefore knew that if your subject was ordering that this record be kept secret you ordered an illegal act. If you knew no more you are unfit to be the Attorney General. If you know no more you have abdicated all your responsibilities. If you know no more it is only because you are unable to run your own personal office because over a period of many months, including by certified mail, I have made a number of efforts to inform you. You can't even keep your mail from being referred to those who have created this deplorable situation, those who have already made a Judgment of you.

Is the belief this could be done to you the reason you were chosen?

You provide over a nest of disinformation operators, liars and perjurers, unable or unwilling to do anything about it, unable or unwilling to learn or even attempt to learn anything except from them, those who have every reason for seeing to it that you have no knowledge of what they have done and continue to do. That you would continue to impart trust in those you have every reason not to trust, is incredible. Would you decide cases on the word of the accused alone?

Whether or not you are innocent in this your people have involved you in what they have to know is also a fabrication. This lack to the PUBLIC Fact is to the certain knowledge of your people a falsehood. It requires no personal, factual knowledge to have the most serious questions about it. The world simply does not work that way. But on the basis of fact, fact your Department has suppressed for 15 years and continues its efforts to suppress now, this is without any question the deliberate lack of a total responsibility.

Asking my lawyer to demand an investigation what was in my mind includes your personal interest. Ultimately this wretched business will come apart and despite those who now trade on your name and in your name some if not all truth will be known. Once you accepted your part you accepted responsibility. Whether or not you exercise control and responsibility there is no way you can escape history's judgment. You ARE the Attorney General of the United States. Moreover, the nature of the FBI and its operations, including press manipulation, are common knowledge from before and during your supposed control and responsibility for anything and everything it does.

There are few peoples who have more personal interest in living under the protection of and in respect for the laws than we Jews. This is the ancient tradition as it is and has been the basis of faith. What you tell yourself you may take to the grave with you. What you tell yourself is not what history will record of you. There remains little time in which you can escape being reviled as Judgment Levi. History's concern is not with self-concepts or intentions. It is with realities, the record each of us makes as he keeps or does not keep promises in the miles we each walk before we sleep.

Sincerely,

Harold Weisberg