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Dear Rick,

This time, for your associate you did not identify to me, there is a difference - my head is now on the block.

The adverse precedent as it relates to lawyers that you may recall from what I sent you/him earlier, has been overturned, but the judgement against me is not and Judge (excuse the expression) Smith gave me 30 days to pay. That comes out to, I think appropriately, Bastille Day, and I'm not paying.

I do not know the law, but I think that to collect they'll have to come to Maryland and maybe, just maybe, I'll then be entitled to a trial. I doubt the FBI and DJ want to get me enough to risk that! They'll not risk any attention.

I've also given them another shot by alleging that their agent or I commited perjury and they and the judge have the responsibility of doing something about that felony.

And I plan also to send a copy to the so-called Office of Professional Responsibility even though from personal experience I know it to be the DJ's whitewashing arm.

In form, the present situation is entirely different, as I hope your associate will take time to see for himself.

If it is Saffire, he did a fine column not long ago about FOIA.

If they get away with this, among other things only a skeleton of FOIA will remain as a practical matter. This is only one of the reasons I must persist in this, even when the lawyers are terrified, as they are, when doing this is so much against my personal interest today.

I know your present interests lie elsewhere but I hope you can find time to read this before you pass it on.

Thanks and best wishes,

Harold Weisberg