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Dear Mr. Clapp:

Your letter of the 7th surprises me because I have already sent you the answers to all the questions for which I was to give you the raw material.

Wondering why we haven't heard from you, although we wanted to write and ask why, we have delayed on the assumption that you were busy. I have sent you a 13-page letter containing this information. I now enclose the best copy I have on the chance it did not reach you. I began writing it on March 27, couldn't complete it at that time, wrote you on April 4 to explain this, and as soon as I did complete it I did mail it. I also sent you the tabulations my wife prepared at your request; from the photocopies I retained, you should have three green ledger sheets of these. If you did not get them, I will promptly copy these and send them to you also.

In my letter of April 4, I see that I told you I had already written about 2,000 words of what you wanted and in my letter of April 21 I told you that with the tax season over, my wife would begin her tabulations that day "as soon as she finishes storing the groceries she bought this morning". You will note at the very end of the 13 pages of what I began on March 27, I say that "my wife has completed the ledger sheets and I enclose them herewith" and that the concluding paragraph begins, "She has just completed it. In order to get it to you as fast as I can, I attempt no analysis for you. But one thing I think is pretty obvious: with more than a doubling of our capacity ... our income remained about constant..."

From the foregoing, I assume I sent this to you within a day or two of April 21.

I also wrote you on April 14 telling you I had located Dr. Casey and that I would write him after hearing from you what the Group Health records reflect. Not having heard from you, reluctantly, I have not written Dr. Casey.

You are aware that we have a printed envelope with our return address on it. What I sent you was not returned to me as it should have been if for some reason it was not delivered to you. Obviously, it was not delivered to you from your letter of the 7th. Therefore, I can only assume that something happened to it in the mail.

I have been reluctant to do too much about the medical evidence independently of you because I want to be very careful to do nothing you do not want done or not do anything in a way you do not want done. I believe I write you about locating a forensic

psychiatrist in Baltimore. I would like to consult with him if this meets with your approval. My efforts with the Washington psychiatrist when I finally got to see him amounted to nothing because he is not in fact an expert in this area.

In going over the file I find that on March 17 I said, "At some point we are going to have to check the form and completeness of those GHA files." I would like to do this as soon as you can because, contrary to your representation of them in your letter of March 16, as my letter of April 14 shows, they, in fact, do support what we believe and what I told you, that the earliest possible diagnosis of anxiety, in me, at least, was five to six years after the beginning of these overglights and then with precisely the meaning I gave you.

I realize the basis of the concern you express and I also realize that if you did not get my previous letters, it makes a record quite prejudicial to our interests before Judge Thomsen. I hope there is some means available to you to let him know that as soon as it was physically possible after the end of my wife's rather intensive employment, we did, in fact, mail you what you asked me to prepare when you were here and that, for reasons we cannot explain but within the control of the government, not you or me, it did not reach you.

Our financial situation is such I simply cannot phone you to discuss this further. Our car has only a few less than 100,000 miles on it, so I economize its use to the degree I can. I would appreciate knowing if you would like to see me or us in Baltimore for I would like to try and arrange a meeting with the forensic psychiatrist to coincide with that. His name is Jonas Rappaport and I would appreciate it if your secretary could give me his address from the Baltimore phone book.

I believe from the handwritten notes I made when you were here that in my letter dated March 27 but mailed in April I gave you the best answers I could to those questions of the interrogatories to which I was to prepare responses. If you find them in any way deficient or if there is any further data you want, please let me know and I will either supply it promptly or tell you why I cannot.

If you do not mind the suggestion, would you consider raising with Davis the fact that this letter did not reach you, with copy to the Judge?

Our newspapers contain no report of it, but there appears to have been a Supreme Court decision on sonic booms. Without reading the decision, I cannot, of course, offer much by way of opinion; but from the broadcast accounts, this would be helpful to us because I did report them and the government set up a contact for me, an Air Force major, Freeman, to whom I did report them promptly. They were caused by the government after my first report of them and they were caused by Air Force planes controlled out of Baltimore.

Perhaps I have been negligent in not writing you, but I did feel that, having mailed you what you asked for, your silence was attributable to the fact that you were busy, and when you cannot take a retainer (which in any case we cannot provide) in a case of this sort, I felt I owed it to you to assume that you were busy and that you were doing what you could.

May I also remind you that on several occasions I asked you to get from Davis a copy of some notes for what I believe was intended for literary purposes that, for some strange reason, was the only thing he wanted of our enormous files the last time he was here. He has never given us a receipt for it and I have not had them returned. For your information, I planned a book on what happened to us, tentatively titled "Everything Happened", a sort of combination of "Mr. Blandings Builds His Dreamhouse" and "The Egg and I". A literary agent, Miss Toni Strassman, had made a handshake deal in my presence with Crown Publishers in New York for this book. I laid it aside to do the work I did on the JFK assassination. I am reasonably confident that the six pages or so Davis took were notes for this work. However, I have no idea what they say and from what my experience with Davis tells me, I have no reason to presume his intent was to our interest.

You may have noticed the reporting of the UN Conference on the Environment at Stockholm. From the reporting I have seen, it places responsibility for one-third to two-fifths of neuroses on noise. I have already written for two copies, one for you and one for me. I have also asked a friend at the World Health Organization to see if any of these experts can be available to me.

You were to have obtained for me from Davis the current addresses of two people, Captain Van Voris and the lawyer who accompanied him, so I could speak to them. The second was a Baltimore lawyer then in the army. If you have not, after thinking it over, I am reasonably confident that Davis has leaned on Van Voris and it may perhaps be better if I locate him on my own and speak to him without alerting Davis, who would probably only lean on him all over again since Van Voris still is in the service.

I am genuinely sorry about all of this, but I do hope you can understand how we feel because I did ^{as} you what I was supposed to sometime ago and have heard nothing from you in response to this and to several other letters.

I have begun the writing of another book, but if there is anything you would like me to do, please let me know and I will abandon the book and do it.

Like, do we not want to address interrogatories to the government?

Sincerely yours,

Harold Weisberg

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