

4/23/71

Mr. Richard Kleindienst  
Deputy Attorney General  
U.S. Department of Justice  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Kleindienst,

If to err is human, you and your staff qualify as superhuman. I refer to the correspondence for you by your special assistant, Mr. Fines in particular and to his latest effort to frustrate, delay and interfere with my work, also on your behalf. When I consider the lecture I recently saw/heard you deliver on "irresponsibility", I wonder about the fryings and the fire.

Were he deliberately to impede this work, he could not do better than in his letter of ~~XXXXXXXX~~ March 15, 1971, where he gave me the wrong date of my request, and in his letter of April 7, 1971, where, instead of making a simple correction in the error for which he is responsible, he sends me new forms to execute. I remind you again that these forms are not required. They are optional, and you do not to insist when it constitutes an interference in access to public information. I have previously alleged this without dispute from you.

I again remind you that the law and your Department's interpretation thereof require promptness. From December 23 until March 15 is not "promptness". Nor is your failure to respond to my answers to your latest letters, my responses now being over three weeks old. I am rapidly getting to the point where I think this should be tested in court, and I am more and more inclining to the view that this should include asking for a subpoena for you as an expert and the proper official within the Department.

As Mr. Fines asked, I enclose herewith the latest unnecessary DJ-118 forms.

Sincerely,

Harold Weisberg

U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20530



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