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Dear Jim,

The laboring mountain has brought forth a mouse. Under yesterday's date Shaheen, as you can see from his enclosed letter, has decided that his OPR will look into my allegations against Emilio Moschella. I believe that he has done this solely to be able to say he looked into the charges and found them without merit. I believe also that it is not impossible that he was asked to do this by Moschella and the FBI. As happened early in the King case, when I had Tom Wiseman dead to rights on perjury.

From his letter I see that another FBI SA who was effective in frustrating FOIA and requests under it has been promoted. Flanders is now Deputy Assistant Director of the Inspection Division!

I'm a little more tired than usual so I'm not checking the file to see what I complained about four months ago but I believe it was violation of my rights under the Privacy Act. I remember discussing this with you. I probably sent you copies of my letters but if I didn't and you'd like them, please let me know.

I think I sent you more. It is my recollection that the FBI stated that I was the "subject" of the request. To this day, by the way, I've heard nothing from the FBI in response to my FOIA request seeking the identification of the requester. At least some of the records involved were "Gregory" case records, the investigation of the late Gregory Silvermaster, who'd been "named" by the flakey Elizabeth Bentley.

The other records involved related to the Wayne case and constitute belated and still incomplete response to my request of 1975 for all records relating to me. These records so long withheld when it is obvious that they should have been identified from the cards when any first search was made refer to still other records not provided and for which no claim to exemption was made. For example, they refer to a statement the FBI prepared for my signature and to my refusal to sign it. They also include a retyped copy of the statement I did file. And, diligent as the FBI is in clipping and filing news stories, it provided none of them. The reason is obvious they report my exoneration and Wayne's copping of a plea with Martin Dies doing the copping for him.

Is there anything I can properly do to, if I may put it this way, assist Shaheen in his inquiry? Assistance is the one thing he doesn't want. Information isn't, too.

I don't know if Jennifer is too old a girl to be amused by what accounts for my greater tiredness today. It is skunks. I could say "our" skunks because they are our uninvited tenants. At least three, Wil says four. Not one of which has true skunk markings. I can't leave the house in the morning until the skunks are away from the door. And they love being at the door because they have discovered sunflower seeds. Connection with the door? Five feeders from which the birds waste the seeds. They come before dark and are at the table long after daylight. A month ago, just before dark, a skunk and a raccoon were eating shoulder-to-shoulder on the paved patio of the swimming pool, where Wil feeds the mallards who have adopted us. So, last night, after going to bed my usual early, I awakened to Wil and the Orioles game. That got exciting and I had trouble getting back to sleep. Then one of the skunks discharged a few minutes before three, right here. I don't know why, but it made sleep impossible. So, I've been awake since then. Actually, is my interest Jennifer to know, all the animals seem to get along well here. The quite numerous gray and brown squirrels, the also numerous chipmunks (dens at the pool and at the house), and I can begin to guess how many rabbits. Plus all the birds. Save that some birds frighten other birds, all is peaceful. So peaceful that when the grey fox sees the skunk he makes a circle. We also have red foxes now. 6/22: Found white skunk dead. Rabies? Best,

Harold