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Dear Mr. Stern,

This does not require an answer unless I can be of help to you, one of my purposes in writing and providing the enclosures.

I was not able to determine your interest from the appeals court's decision, which I've read, and I find it difficult to believe that you did not know the name of the SAC in New York at the time. If as I seem to recall it was Wallace LaPrade then there may be relevance in the enclosures because, again trusting recollection, I believe he was SAC in St. Louis at the time of these exhibits.

Hoface Beckwith does not appear to be one of the names the court held ought not be disclosed but he was part of that operation, later was an unindicted coconspirator in the Pat Gray case and thus was eminently qualified to be the FOIA supervisor in my suit for King assassination records. (I ~~was~~ caught him swearing falsely and providing phony records and the judge banished him from that case.)

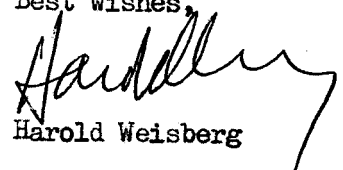
If your interest was in unauthorized surveillances perhaps the few pages from an affidavit I prepared for Jim Lesar's possible use before the appeals court, which I do not expect, may be of some use to you. As well as the FBI's articulated constitutional concepts.

There is no doubt that after Hoover withdrew his request his tapping continued because they disclosed, of all things, a "Bank robbery" record on me that could not have had any other source. That they did a black bag job on Carol Pepper also is without doubt because copies of her bank records wound up in the hands of a writer who did a book to the FBI's liking. This appears to be what is blacked out in the enclosed teletype, do it but don't get caught.

If you have any use for the FBI's having a diametrically opposite position, I have it under oath in the same King case in which, after initially withholding FBI names, they were disclosed. That case record also holds Director Kelley's letter stating that in historical cases such names would not be withheld.

The question also came up on Hoover's day, in connection with Warren Commission publication. Hoover forcefully overrode his bureaucrats and ordered that nothing at all be withheld from publication.

Best wishes,

  
Harold Weisberg

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