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Dear Harvey,

I do not send the enclosed clipping from the Phila. Bulletin of 7/30/73 in the belief that it is precedent but for two other reasons. It indicates that legal thinking and decisions are changing and it seems to be fairly explicit in saying that in "negligence", and I think our case involves negligence, "if injury or accident results in psychological or psychiatric disturbances, they are compensable" under some law or laws.

If they were not spectacular, I believe we did sustain physical injuries from this negligence.

I am also aware that as a layman my understanding or interpretations may be faulty and that this may not be new to you.

From your silence of more than two months I presume more than that you are busy. I presume that you did not ask for that "special" Air Force file on me or that it has not been delivered. I think I asked you about this again toward the end of June.

Such things are happening in my efforts to collect some of the money owed us it is difficult not to wonder if there is not some outside intrusion.

There is no doubt that I have been the subject of federal surveillance is not other intrusions into my life and our rights. Brocato's and Davis' long delays in not doing what they committed themselves to do to Judge Thomsen may be par for the course for that office, but the fact remains that it was damaging to us. Whether or not there is or can be any certainty, I believe I am entitled to this information and to see if it bears on improprieties that may relate to the civil action.

My mail still comes opened from time to time. The most recent case was only last week. The one before that could not have been accidental, for it was mailed only the day before in New York and I picked it up in the local post office 8 a.m. or so the next morning. It was not possible for it to have been delivered to someone who had opened it by mistake and put it back in the mails.

You know I have proofs, including carbon copies of CIA surveillance on my public appearances, whether or not this was carried further. A blabbermouthing assistant U.S. attorney in Washington told my lawyer in the FOI case of which you know when I was in to see him, accurately, save for the fact that I did not go to his office to see him and he wasn't in, which can mean only surveillance, not tapping. and Watergate disclosures now establish that the FBI twice, rather on two phones and repeatedly, intercepted my conversations with two former White House aides of the JFK period, both lawyers. I don't believe I ever talked to either except in connection with writing and publishing. On the phone or on the arrangements that led to publication of my last book were made. I await the balance of the advance on it, the remainders I bought, and if anything could have been done to kill that book that wasn't, I can't think of it. Maybe the publisher was that kind of self-destroyer, but I see no reason to assume no other possibility. And when the post office lied to Mac Mathias about this after telling me there was a mail-fraud case, is there not at least basis for suspicion.

The government has abused us enough, as you and Lewin have said. Because we are entitled to this information and because I would like to get what little relief might be possible from this kind of fascist abuse, I do hope you will pursue this.

Sincerely,