

Senator Charles Mathias
U.S. Senate
Washington, D.C.

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Dear Mac,

Since 1975 thrombosis, more because of 1980 postsurgical complications, I've been limited in what I can do. I had a succession of part-time Hood students helping from time to time, and a couple were disasters. Not long ago I found a box of copies of records the FBI disclosed. When able I've been going over them and filing them, sometimes with memos to the lawyer who handled my FOIA cases.

Several years ago, when I learned of the complete FBI fabrication, that Hil and I had annually celebrated the Russian revolution and that a copy had been sent to the intelligence committee, I asked you to have its records show that there was no basis at all for that. The only such gathering we ever had was arranged by a rabbi for after the Jewish high holidays, which are this time of the year, not November.

Today I found the enclosed rotten piece of FBI business, disclosed generally by the FBI despite my earlier PA request almost seven years ago. After writing the enclosed memo to the lawyer I decided to ask again that you have a correction filed with it in your committee's files.

Even when those people didn't lie they distorted and misled. I was not fired by State for suspicion of ~~being~~ being a Communist but as part of a pogrom by some pretty extreme characters then there. There never were any charges and none could have been sustained. They'd even gone through my garbage and found nothing! There was no hearing. It was under the McCarran Act, later declared unconstitutional.

I was never a Communist and none of the few I'd known asked me to join. Nobody who has ever known me would believe that I could submit to anything that authoritarian. In that period, like many people, I knew all kinds of people. The government itself put me to work with strangers of both extremes. I knew fascists, too, even relatives of Trujillo. But that didn't mean I was one of them.

In fighting what is referred to in the second paragraph I was represented by Arnold, Fortas and Porter. I'd been of help to Thurman Arnold when he headed anti-trust at Justice and government action followed some of my published exposes. Nazi firms were vested - and that during the days of the Nazi-Soviet pact, the shibboleth of the day. I'd known Paul Porter, too. But I'd never met Abe Fortas. Among the things the FBI here withholds is the fact that State issued a public apology and Hoover himself told Bert Andrews of the then New York Herald Tribune that there was no basis for it.

They've done some pretty dirty things inside the government and in secrecy. I think that one of the dirtiest is this deliberate corruption of what I did at the request of government agencies. And then distributing their fabrications and distortions. The last page of this one says a copy went to your committee.

I have no way of knowing what other evil there is, but I did try to use the PA and even the AG did not respond. I'd like to be able to address anything else of this character while I'm still here to do it. Under the law as I understand it once I invoked PA it was wrong to make any distribution without consideration of an accompanying correction. The enclosed record makes clear why they also violated PA and made no response to my repeated invocation of it. In fact, my administrative appeals have been ignored for more than five years.

Thanks and our best to you, Ann and the boys, who are now, I guess, men!

Sincerely,



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