

Hon. Edward P. Boland, Chairman  
House Intelligence Committee  
House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515

9/28/84

Dear Mr. Boland,

A misplanned copy of an FBI record disclosed to me years ago, 62-109060-5900, indicates that a copy was sent to your committee by the FBI. It is seriously defamatory, distorts, misrepresents and in at least one particular is a complete fabrication.

I've gone over countless pages of FBI records relating to my work and its stock approach has been to defame the work it cannot fault by defaming me. For example, when President Johnson asked the FBI about my book, it said nothing at all about that book but it did end his interest, even his desire to learn the truth, by telling him, among other things, that my wife and I annually celebrated the Russian Revolution with a party for 30 to 35 strangers. This is a complete fabrication.

I'm past 70, unwell and limited in what I can do. I can't, for example drive to Washington, which is only an hour away. But to the degree possible I would like to do what under the Privacy Act the FBI and Department were required to make possible and refused, file correcting statements so that anyone, particularly any official, would have access to it also. Both the FBI Director and the Attorney General ignored my requests and then disclosed these defamations.

The second paragraph of the record I cite describes my writing as "vitriolic and diabolical," a description that does not fit it but does exactly fit the last sentence in that paragraph: "Weisberg has been in contact with Soviet officials in this country and has entertained these officials at his farm at Hyattstown, Maryland, where Weisberg raises chickens."

No Soviet official was ever at my farm, I never entertained any, and, in fact, my farming was liquidated about four years earlier.

This appears to be a corruption, one that cannot be accidental, of wiretapping, probably of the embassy, which I was in touch with at the request of USIA and the State Department. My wife and I had won just about all the major prizes in raising and cooking chickens and at the time of the Nixon-Khrushchev so-called "kitchen debate" the USIA asked me to challenge the USSR to "peaceful competition" in poultry raising and to invite Khrushchev to our farm. Then State asked me if I'd help the Russians raise better chickens. (I'd won first and third prizes nationally for raising chickens, my wife was the "national chicken-cooking champion" and I was the "national barbecue king." I'd won the Maryland championship a number of times.)

To reflect this I'll enclose some of the literature we used to give away when we farmed.

What the FBI told LBJ and God alone knows who else was our alleged celebration of the Russian Revolution was in fact earlier and was immediately after the Jewish high holidays, about this time of the year, and was arranged for by a rabbi, not any kind of red. In its fabrication the FBI converted a religious gathering into a Communist political celebration. I've never been a Communist.

After I began to receive copies of FBI records containing these defamations I amplified my earlier appeals and documented them. The record I cite may have been xeroxed for that purpose because I recall quite clearly a similar one I attached to those appeals. And, of course, I was asking for the withheld underlying records. The other record, also a fabrication, is that I had a personal relationship with a Soviet national inside the USSR embassy.

Years ~~have~~ have passed and my appeals continue to be ignored. I've renewed them recently and they remain ignored.

After my death I'd not want all these distortions, misrepresentations and fabrications to continue to be misused to undermine the substantial work the FBI cannot fault on fact or to misrepresent its author to anyone, including your committee. This is why I write.

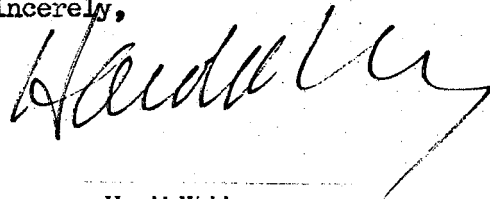
I know that the Privacy Act does not include the Congress but I hope you would want to be fair and to have your files accurate and fair. I will welcome an opportunity and if I know the identification of the record, which will not involve any disclosure by you of classified material, I can tell you whether it has been disclosed to me. Of course this will not identify Not Recorded serials, but it will be something. I do have all the records exactly as I received them, filed by their FBI numbers, because all my files will be part of a permanent, free university archive.

Thank you for anything you can do.

enc: 62-109060  
three flyers

P.S. If my barbecue recipe appeals to you, it works well with over broiling and improves with age if refrigerated. It is really a marinade.

Sincerely,



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