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Mr. Quin Shea, Director
FOIPA Appeals
Department of Justice
Washington, D.C. 20530

2/3/81

Dear Mr. Shea,

With this I forward proof that the FBI misrepresented to and deceived and misled you and the Associate Attorney General. I again caution you against taking the FBI's FOIA word on anything, even the time of day when you see them looking at a clock.

In the records at issue in C.A. 7890322, even though the FBI had disclosed the names of SAs in the first half of the records disclosed and even though I informed you that in not a single case had any of those names been withheld from records disclosed by the Warren Commission, the Associate upheld the withholding of those names. For the record I add that the FBI had given me a list of the names, addresses and home phone numbers of these agents in those same records and that it had attested just before the Associate's decision to a change in policy that was in effect at the time the names were withheld, meaning that the names were, as a matter of policy, to be disclosed. In short, every FBI allegation to withhold those names is spurious and knowingly so.

On Saturday, January 31 I received discovery records in C.A. 75-226. I attach one captioned "DISPOSAL OF EXTRA COPIES OF INVESTIGATIVE REPORTS," P.F.O. ^MConnell to Mr. Marshall/OTB 11/20/72. The file number is unclear but I think it is 66-3286.

As you can see, five of the seven ~~pages~~ pages consists of listing of the reports and the names of the agents who provided them. In no case is any agent's name withheld.

This is to say that the FBI lost no time providing proof that it gulled the Associate. I think he should be informed of it because there will be further occasions on which he will be asked to act on the FBI's contested word.

I would like to live long enough to be here when official mendacity is not tolerated (if not rewarded) in the FBI and the Department.

Sincerely,

Harold Weisberg