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Washington, D.C. 20530

Dear Mr. Shea:

In 62-109060, Section 145, I have just read Serial 5862. Despite my extensive prior experiences with FBI evil and gross lies, this leaves me in a virtual state of shock. I illustrate with two examples only. I am willing to address 100 percent of this FBI's dedication to what I once thought was restricted to such foreign forces as the Gestapo and the KGB.

The FBI states that "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."

You should recall that I sent you a copy of a different version of this defamation as part of an appeal on which you have not acted. I read this one to my wife. It is news to her. Neither of us recalls a single "Soviet official" among the diplomatic personnel who visited us when we farmed. (Our farming ended several years prior to the date of this record.)

Pretty clearly the FBI deliberately corrupted a telephone interception.

Our Government asked me to invite the Khrushchev's and Soviet agricultural officials to our farm but they did not come. In fact, State asked me to go to Russia to teach them how to raise better chickens, but that and other such things also did not come to pass. Earlier USIA asked me to challenge the USSR to peaceful competition in poultry husbandry in those days of the so-called "spirit of Camp David." I had won first prize for raising chickens in a national competition, I was the national barbecuing champion and for years was Maryland chicken cooking champion, so I included peaceful competition in cooking chickens in the challenge.

The FBI's false version is vicious in formulation. The FBI's distribution is and will be quite harmful to us.

In the FBI's cataloguing of my alleged factual errors, I illustrate with its first: "Weisberg claims (Anna) Meller's husband phoned the FBI and was told that Oswald was alright. Weisberg's allegations are completely false."

I also attach a copy of page 50 of my second book. This is the last page of a chapter titled "Oswald is 'All Right.'" As you can see, I used all the available space in facsimile excerpting of a Dallas police report. Its "subject" was "Teofil Meller." The Text states, "SUBJECT said he checked with the FBI and they told him that OSWALD was all right."

My source for this record was the National Archives. The FBI went through those records often and carefully enough, as the FBI's own files reflect. No correction or denial by the FBI was attached or referred to. This false reference is

the only one I have seen in the Headquarters or Dallas records.

"Completely false" is correct only as it applies to this mendacious FBI campaign against me. It was a secret campaign until the FBI dumped this and other vilifications on the public record. It did this without giving me the opportunity I asked for long in advance to exercise my rights under the Privacy Act. The request was of both the FBI Director and the Attorney General. Neither bothered to make any response. This reflects their concern for the laws of the country and the rights of Americans.

If you desire similar proof of the accuracy of the other writing the FBI, expecting the protection of perpetual secrecy, described as inaccurate to cover its own shortcomings, I will take the time. I can probably provide facsimiles establishing the accuracy of all. As you may recall, I have already done some of this in those many appeals you have not yet acted on. Like Oswald's use of the return address of the building the FBI never bothered to tell the Warren Commission also housed the office of its former SAC, Guy Banister. (I quote directly the FBI's own reports in my fourth book, which appeared about three weeks prior to this official character assassination. Naturally, the FBI makes no reference to my accurate and direct quotation.)

It is more than four years since I made my PA request of the FBI. Soon thereafter I included the entire Department. My appeals were timely. They have been ignored. More than a year ago I asked you to give them priority attention so that, if belatedly, I might exercise what rights remain under PA while I still live.

I also call to your attention that this Serial refers to other records that are not attached to it. They are not in the same volume with it, as they should be. In fact, they should precede it in serialization.

It has been months since I sent you a copy of another false FBI representation of my alleged personal association with Soviet officials.

This record was sent to the Deputy, to the then Internal Security Division and to the Criminal Division. I have not received anything from any of those components and this also I appealed long ago.

Can this rotten stuff be part of what was excised from the copies of what the FBI gave the President when he got interested in my work and that of others, at about this time? You also have not acted on that appeal.

In terms of my receiving any records, you have done nothing at all. I believe the very least I am entitled to expect, particularly because this matter is four years old and because of my age and the state of my health, is a declaration of belated intentions, along with an estimate of the time within which I should hear from the other components and by which I should be able to expect those records the FBI clearly has and withholds. I do ask this.

More than three years ago, in C.A. 75-1996, I testified to about 25 information requests, going back to 1968, which the FBI had ignored. The Court asked to be informed of compliance with these requests. While no copy of any report to the Court has been provided to me, I do not assume that this was totally ignored.

It should not be difficult for you to inform me of any appeals on which you have not acted that are older than this, or about four years. I would like to know. Perhaps it could also be informative to you.

Sincerely,

Harold Weisberg