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Dear Mr. Hinkle,

I appreciate the problem you pose in your letter stamp dated August 2.

As it relates to OSD I do believe there is another effort you can make. I have given you references to the files of the Secretary's designee, Mr. Walter Herbert Morse, and of their location as of the time they left his possession. I do believe these can and should be traced and provided to us. By now it should be obvious, if anyone on your staff has been following this, that these files were sidetracked by those with a desire to keep the actualities from being presented to the court of law.

They also relate to my integrity, a reason for which I want them even more.

I enclose the most recent exchange with the AF and with AFJAG. These people have persisted that they had no records. Now they have <sup>some</sup> and I believe withhold improperly and without any need at all.

They have yet to refer to what was sent to them for clearance by Justice perhaps two months ago. The military component has.

Some of this may be no more than bureaucratic inefficiency. However, I do believe that some is deliberate lying. I think I have sent you correspondence with NSA in which I have not been able to get them to respond to whether or not they have searched certain files. The reason is, I am confident, obvious. They avoid the files from which they'd have to respond and disclose. Today's paper holds the most recent example.

Maybe there is nobody who can bring these rogue elephants out of the forests and back into the herd of decency in government and proper respect for the law. Maybe nobody wants to.

I had hoped otherwise.

Sincerely,

Harold Weisberg