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Dear Mr. Buckley,

Your letter of the 13 and the records referred to in it came today. Because I will not be able to read all these records immediately I did read the attached list on which you post exemptions claimed. Once again, by a carbon to Mr. Shea, this is my protective appeal. I've been addressing you in the apparently futile hope that you would respond to seriously intended matters rather than continuing the usual Cointelproing of the Act, requesters and, in time, the courts.

Once again you raise (b)(5) and (b)(7)(C) questions by those claims. What I have written you in the past includes these claims. With regard to (b)(5) I've asked if the claim is in accord with fairly recent appeals court decisions. With regard to privacy, and particularly with reference to Garrison matters, I've asked you if you have made any effort at all not to withhold the public domain and if your practises are in accord with historical-case and 5/5/77 policy statement standards.

With mere mortals, as distinguished from those who regard themselves as a special class because they live off the taxpayers, responding to reasonable communication is considered to be common courtesy.

I also inquired about your extraordinarily large percentage of referrals not one of which has been acted on. Perhaps this is not as extraordinary to you because you are only now responding to my 5/21/77 request. If you can unashamedly only now be processing a request of more than three years ago - under a 10-day Act - perhaps you consider inaction on referrals right and proper.

Some of these referrals are to the CIA. It has yet to respond to my 1971 request/ appeal or to referrals made to it in a 1975 case. Some are to the FBI, which has yet to acknowledge requests of more than a decade ago. When this is the record of those who have sworn to uphold the law and meet their obligations by contemptuous disregard for it, and in this are immune because those who, like you, enforce law violations, are in the same

boat, there is what I regard as a self-perpetuating subversion and immunity.

It did not take your non-responsiveness in your last letter to remind me of this. Here you are a lawyer, in the Criminal Division, no less, of the Department of Justice, and you have, in addition, taken this oath, and only yesterday I heard a federal judge describe your affidavit as worthless. From what I ran across the day before yesterday, that judge praised you and that affidavit. Calling it worthless is praise because it was also false. And a month ago the FBI provided new proof of new false swearing by you.

If I were a younger man and not in poor health I might try to do something about such disgraceful conduct by public employees.

You also have an appeals office reminder about your non-compliance with my PA request of more than four years ago and you have ignored the request and the reminder.

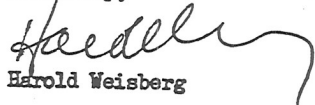
Have you no shame at all, no self-respect? Have you no concept of decency?

It is in the perhaps vain hope that you have a shred of decency left that I write you as I do and ask you to first, get into a position to respond to my inquiries and then to make that response.

You have made unjustifiable claims to exemptions, I have informed you of it, and you appear to be perpetuating these offenses, at cost that in time becomes considerable to the government and in contemptuous disregard for the law and your obligations under it, as a lawyer and as a public employee.

You cash your paycheck. Will you please start earning it instead of stealing it?

Sincerely,

  
Harold Weisberg