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Hon. John Conyers
House of Representatives
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Dear John,

This is prompted by the brief film clip on the evening TV news, of the committee energy hearing with DJ witnesses who can't do anything unless an air-tight case is hand delivered.

There is another aspect of our energy shortage and it involves an earlier and entirely different cartel. I gave much research to the DJ at the time and now they can't find it or anything else in response to my Privacy Act requests. Only the FBI's manufactured defamations and distortions to create new defamations.

Before I enlisted in World War II I was a Washington correspondent and did much investigative reporting. For a while I specialized in Nazi cartels. I took everything to the anti-trust people, who were in charge of that aspect and in those days were among the best people I ever met in any government.

In the course of checking records in the patent office I came upon the repetition of many deals involving a corporation whose name as I now recall was JASCO. I looked into this a bit farther and in the end got many photostats of their various deals. It appears that JASCO represented an operation of Standard Oil and I. G. Farben. I think it was a Louisiana outfit and perhaps the name was from Joint American Stock Co., something like that. The patent deals, as I recall, involved both synthetic oil and synthetic rubber.

The way these deals in those days worked, we agreed not to make use of Nazi patents. You may remember that the Nazi's began with no domestic oil and the Roumanian output owned largely by the U.S. It is my recollection that Hitler's tanks rolled on oil made from coal and that these were among the patents involved in the Standard Oil arrangement.

If my recollection is correct the real meaning is that the American oil corporations prevented the forwarding of a feasible if costly process we surely could find use for now. In something like 40 years development could have been considerable if it had not been foreclosed at the very beginning.

It ought be no big job to get the patent office to come up with the same records I gave DJ and perhaps more if it interests you. In the days of my work there all one had to do is consult a card file to get all references. Those inside the agency should have easier access than any reporter could have had.

Best wishes,

Harold Weisberg