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Dear Gary,

Because I do not take John Judge's word for anything I did not ^{ask} him for more information about what you told me he told you, that ARRB is contending with the FBI over disclosures the FBI refuses to make. Instead I wrote someone on the ARRB immediately. Only to see in this morning's Wash. Post that it appears it is not the FBI and is the CIA. Once before, when he wrote about the board member who addressed COPA I made the mistake of believing that he could at least get a name straight. He did not, I wrote the wrong member and our relations have been going downhill ever since. But that is another story. I recognize, of course, that it is not impossible the board was contending with both agencies but it seems unlikely it would go public with one and not the other. Judge has been an assassination nut since he was little more than a boy, when his mother brought him here. The time he spent with Mae Brussell did not teach him a thing about the assassination and did make him even more addicted to all the innumerable and vast imagined conspiracies. I hope that I'll get a response but if I do not I'll write a correction, and make the proper request. But if they turned out a press release they may send that to me. No matter how sincere they are these nuts have been a major source of confusion and misunderstanding and they do the work errant officials cannot do for themselves. I suppose that this time I ignored the fact that he was your source and believed you had some reason to believe what you told me. Meanwhile I call to your attention that the real assassination records have nothing at all to do with Oswald in Mexico, that the previous batch it forced the CIA to disclose hold nothing of any real significance other than the code names and numbers which tell us nothing about the assassination, and the more the board goes in for this kind of tomfoolery the various nuts press upon it the more it builds a phony case of doing the job it is not doing and does not intend to do. It is because I addressed actual assassination records and their refusal to seek them that they are p'ed off at me. The more of this scrimshaw they are fed the better they'll look after refusing to do what they were expected to do and should be doing but refuse to even consider.

8/18/1995 - Post
**JFK Assassination Board
Urges Release of CIA Papers**

A federal government board investigating the 1963 assassination of President John F. Kennedy said yesterday it had recommended release of 37 CIA documents regarding Lee Harvey Oswald's trip to Mexico shortly before the shooting.

The five-member Assassination Records Review Board, responsible for determining which records to make public, said it had voted to release 16 documents in full and parts of 21 other documents.

The deletions from the partial releases were prompted by objections from the intelligence agency that some sensitive information should not be released.

"Under the law, our job is to balance the need to protect still sensitive government information versus the public's right to know," John Tunheim, chairman of the board, said in a statement.

The documents concern Oswald's trip to Mexico, several weeks before Kennedy's death, during which he contacted the Cuban and Soviet embassies.

The board, established by the JFK Act, signed in to law by President George Bush and sworn in on April 11, 1994, made its recommendation to President Clinton, who has 30 days to approve or veto the release.

-Reuter

As I got FBI records and made what I call a subject file of duplicates while I did not make duplicates of all I saw relating to critics, including me, I tried to make duplicates of a fair sample of them. Anyone using that file here for all these many years will find that character assassination under my name, available to them all. As I told you I cannot use the stairs so I cannot get and copy that fat folder for you. I did just this week have in my office the report the FBI gave the "hite #^douse in 11/66 on six of us. I looked for it before starting this ~~letter~~ letter and did not see it. It will probably turn up if I can remember where I put it and I'll copy and send it. Meanwhile a brief account of the truth.

When we farmed and I learned that even kids in the country never saw eggs hatch and I had my own breeding flocks and incubators I arranged for the ~~see~~ ^{before} eggs to hatch on weekends when the kids were not in school. They came and they loved it, as they did playing with the just-hatched and gathering eggs and petting out tame cattle, etc. One weeked a dead friend and his wife, Jack and Vicki Frankel, happened to be with us when some kids came. So Jack went with me when I took them to the building with the incubators on it, ~~was~~ saw their joy and how much fun it was for them to reach under the hens in the hen house for the just-laid eggs, etc., and when we got back to the house he said, "I've gotta bring my people and their kids up." We of course, invited that.

Jack, a chasan who had done much relief work at the concentration camps and helping separate Jews who survived Hitler all over Europe, was then with the Jewish Welfare Board in Washington. He had the responsibility for looking out for the interests of Jewish military personnel in that area. And he did, every year as long as he was there, being about three dozen up and those kids had as much of a ball as all the others did, but this was even more joy because their parents also got their joy. They loved to see the kids having so good a time.

Besides which the Jewish high holidays, which was when he brought them up, after that were over, are in September and October, not in November, the anniversary of the Russian revolution.

Once when one of the poultry experts at the Univ. of Md. was there and he saw the whole scheme, he said, "We gotta steal this from you." I said don't steal- take it. And they did put in a touching farmette in a Washington suburb, doing what I did and probably more. I think it is still at Wheaton. A couple of years ago I met a woman who as a girl had been there.

On a hunch I asked my senator who was a friend and was on the intelligence committee to find out if the FBI had dumped those lies on it. It had and he got the then chairman, Barry Goldwater, interested. I have somewhere a letter from Goldwater saying that a correcting statement was filed with the lies. I'll add more when I find that record.

5/19 It has not surfaced this morning but it may interest you to know that Jack Frankel is a character in Leon Uris' Exodus. He was one of those pre-state Israeli soldiers who flew to Yemen to rescue the Jews there. They had been isolated, were kind of backward, made a long trek to get to the planes and then feared getting on them. Until one of the men with Jack thought to refer to them as the biblical wings of the angels. Vicki, Persian by birth, her father an opera singer, was taken to Paris by him when he had to flee. She was a little girl. She stayed with nuns and was a courier in the anti-Hitler underground. Last I heard of them Jack was again a chagan singing in a Vegas or Reno synagogue.

Found it. For the purposes for which I'd made this copy I had no need for what was said about the others. The unrecorded numbers in the right margin refer to the FBI's headquarters "subversive" files on us or at least on four of us. Note that it is not a copy from any JFK assassination file, where it should be filed for the record. Yet on the page referring to me the main file in the HQ JFK assassination file.

The first paragraph of the distortions about me is partly correct. I was first and investigator for and then the editor of the Senate Civil Liberties committee. I had no secrets and I leaked nothing. LaFollette was looking for an excuse to get rid of me because I was lobbying for an extension of the committee whose life he wanted to end. I then was not on the Senate payroll so he could not fire me. All he could do was return me to the Farm Security Administration, my actual employer ^{with} from the job of administrative assistant to the administrator is the job from which I was loaned to the Senate. I had been instructed to give a reporter galley proofs of a hearing, public hearing, but the volume had not yet been printed. Regular practice and usually I did it on my own but this time I was directed to. The story was by a labor news service and the Daily Worker was one of its subscribers. What was featured was the advice by a General Motors vice president to his colleagues on what was then known as the ^{el} "ation/Conference Committee, of the National Association of Manufacturers, all from major industries, that they do what GM had done, get themselves a Black Legion. That was a subsidized gang of Michigan thugs who performed various kinds of violence for GM, against its employees.

I was fired by State as part of a pogrom. We were all Jews save for a case of mistaken identify, their "security" work was that sloppy and really baseless. Four of us were Latin Americanists and they got rid of us for the same reasons they got rid of the old China hands a little later. They were more prominent but we won in the end. I was never a Communist and there were no charges. Not one of any kind! ^{no hear us together} We were fired under the McCarran rider under which State could fire anyone at any time without any reason or explanation. I got us good counsel, Arnold Fortas and Porter. I knew Thurman Arnold when he headed NJ anti-trust, which handled Nazi cartels, and I took him all the info. I developed. I'd known Paul Porter after he left government and was in private practise. I then did not know Fortas but I'd known his wife when she was a National Labor Relations

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I lawyer, before they were married. They'd have taken the case to court and the rider would have been declared unconstitutional, as it clearly ^{was} and was later held to be, but they got us what the FBI omits, a public apology, ^{as} so we all accepted the deal.

Jill was a member of the coop bookstore but not of the other organization. So buying books at a discount then was subversive to the FBI. But it was not to the conservative Republican head of the RFO, Jesse Jones, and he refused to fire Jill. They in fact liked her and her work very much. They knew her, as the FBI did not.

What the last graf of this page refers to reflects how subversive State thought I was. It and the United States Information Agency asked me to challenge the USSR to what Nixon and Khrushchev liked to talk about, "peaceful competition" in raising poultry. As part of that, which I accepted but it never went through, I spoke to the agricultural attache to see if he would like to see a small-town feed mill. They could have learned of that only by a phone tap and they had the USSR embassy phoned tapped, as they photographed all entrances and leaving it. The invitation referred to I was asked to extend to Khrushchev by State. I was told that he would not have the time because when he was near us he'd be busy with Ike and Camp David, which is near here and the farm we then had. I was also told that if his wife had the time on the Saturday of their visit she'd come. She got bogged down with socialites in Virginia.

The "I" in the claims to withhold are "national security."

I do not now remember to whom I spoke in the first graf on the next page but in fact we did enter our birds at the first national dressed poultry competition in the ~~the~~ country and won first prize for the individual servings and third for roasters. Which for a new and an unfinished ^{small farm} and a non and pop operations was not bad considering the extent of the poultry industry then, Frank Ferdue and all the others with money, including Victor Borge. Not his real name. He was a refugee Danish Jew.

I did remember that "celebration" of the USSR revolution and addressed that earlier.

The FBI gives another understated version of that lawsuit for the ruin of our farming. The lawyer I then had did not prepare what I'd then never heard of "proof of loss," so we got little. But we did establish what the FBI does not mention, an entirely new and basic principle of law, of the property owner's ownership of the air space above his property to the point necessary to enjoy the constitutional right to own and enjoy property. It was the much later settlement out of court of the suit for the damages not covered in the first suit that paid out mortgage on this place off. It was worth about \$25,000 and in the deal it was tax free, clear.

For no legitimate reason at all I am in countless FBI files. These range from bank robberies to espionage. The latter is because I was a friend of a Congressman who somehow got in such an FBI file. He was nobody's spy. The bank robberies is from a tap on a call Jerry Ray made to me when the degenerate FBI was going crazy trying to learn something that could pin the rap on Ray and they imagined that Jerry and the other brother John had robbed banks to finance James. Who would not have been ^{caught} caught when he got to

Portugal if he had had as little as \$100 more. He managed to get out of Canada by robbing a whore house, the one place that would not report a robbery. But that did not keep the FBI from pressing to make a phony case of bank robbery. They were careful to keep that junk out of the King assassination files. I found it first in a tickler at headquarters they tried hard to keep from me and then in the ^{field} offices of which besides Baltimore and St. Louis. I do not now recall. Six in all as I recall.

DeLoach was next to Tolson who was next to Hoover. Gale was the inspector general who had other functions. Rosen headed the general investigative division. But they made five more than the accounted-for copies of this character assassination. I later learned some of the other misuses.

62-116395 seems to be the HQ file on the Church committee and Senstudy was their code name for it. But the first uses were as indicated, to turn the White House off when first Whitewash and then the other books were getting attention and LBJ was a bit hung up on that.

The copy from which I made these copies was for "disclosure" to the Archives under the 1992 Act. In fact they were disclosed in late 1977 and early 1988, and this is but one of the many indications of the ^{same} job they are doing on the ARRB, which is content. It all now counts as "new" and as "disclosure" when it had been ~~disclosed~~ disclosed so long ago.

In another record I got they actually say, on the basis of that phone call, that I had a personal relationship with a Russian national in the Soviet embassy. That record is a ~~paraph~~ paraphrase. My request for the original was and remains ignored. It would rather obviously reveal the tap and that it is all fiction. I never even say ^{it} that person!

So you now have a better notion of what the FBI regularly refers to as my "nefarious" career, along with all those suggestions of what they knew was ~~flaw~~ false, that I was a red. But you ^{can} see how they could persuade those who knew nothing.

And how impossible it is to catch up with all the lies.

They have many files on me. I beat them again in an earlier Best, attempted frame-up, in 1939/40, and they withhold almost all those records... That investigation for which I lobbied successfully was of the conditions of migratory ^{labor} labor in Calif. Grapes of Wrath, remember? Or are you not old enough? They were Okies and Arkies, farmers dispossessed by the dust storms... Notice they did not send a copy of the dirty memo to the attorney general and told the White House.... I'd spent 4 months living and working with the DJ and the FBI when borrowed from the Senate to help with a sensational lawsuit of that era, 1938. It was over killings during labor organizing campaigns by the miners in "Bloody Harlan" County, Ky. Naturally no mention in any of these slanderous records. *of that.*

November 8, 1966

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Honorable Marvin Watson
Special Assistant to the President
The White House
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Watson:

Reference is made to your request regarding the authors
of books dealing with the assassination of President Kennedy.

Attached are summary memoranda setting forth pertinent
information contained in FBI files concerning the following individuals:

Edward Jay Epstein
Joachim Joesten
Penn Jones, Jr.
Mark Lane

Professor Richard H. Popkin
Leo Sauvage
Harold Weisberg

The files of the FBI contain no pertinent data with
respect to Sylvan Fox, author of "The Unanswered Questions About
President Kennedy's Assassination."

A copy of this communication has not been sent to the
Acting Attorney General.

Sincerely yours,

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Enclosures (11)

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"WHITEWASH -- THE REPORT ON THE
WARREN REPORT"
BY
HAROLD WEISBERG

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Harold Weisberg, the author of the above-captioned book, and his wife, Lillian Stone Weisberg, jointly own a 14-acre tract of land in Hyattstown, Maryland, upon which they operate the Coq d'Or Farm whose principal business is raising of pheasant-chickens, Rock-Cornish game hens, waterfowl and other poultry and the sale of poultry and eggs.

Harold Weisberg was an employee of the La Follette Civil Liberties Committee from September, 1936, to October, 1939, and was discharged for permitting certain information to leak to the press. Senator La Follette stated that Weisberg had been dismissed for a breach of trust involving the release of confidential information to a newspaper and the Senator was quite certain the newspaper involved was "The Daily Worker," a former east coast communist newspaper.

Weisberg was one of 10 employees fired summarily by the State Department in June, 1947, because of suspicion of being a communist or having communistic sympathies. He was later allowed to resign without prejudice, but was not restored to his position. His wife, Lillian Stone Weisberg, was investigated under the provisions of Executive Order 9835 in 1948 and the Civil Service Commission advised in October, 1948, that she had been retained. At that time, she was a clerk in the Reconstruction Finance Corporation. Her name had been carried on the active list of members of the Washington Book Shop Association and the Washington Committee for Democratic Action during December, 1947. The Washington Book Shop Association and the Washington Committee for Democratic Action have both been cited by the Department of Justice as subversive.

During an undisclosed period, but presumably in the 1950's, it was ascertained that [redacted] a foreign ministry employee of [redacted] in Washington, D. C., was in contact with Harold Weisberg at his farm. Weisberg had previously extended an invitation to [redacted] to visit his farm and it was also determined that [redacted] had received the invitation from Weisberg incidental to an invitation extended to Soviet Premier Nikita S. Khrushchev and party.

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It was ascertained in September, 1959, that Welsberg asked [redacted] in (S) 1B Washington, D. C., for information on [redacted] reaction to the proposal (S) 1C that his chickens be placed in competition with [redacted] poultry. (S)

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In 1956, it was alleged that Welsberg held an annual celebration of the Russian Revolution. This celebration involved a picnic at his residence and was attended by 25 to 30 unknown people. It was believed this affair was in commemoration of the Russian Revolution inasmuch as it was held on the day when the communists celebrate all over the world.

In 1961, Welsberg and his wife filed a claim against the Government under the Federal Tort Claims Act in the amount of \$9,950 for damages allegedly sustained by them in their poultry business as a result of low-flying helicopters. This case was tried and court directed judgment in favor of the Welsbergs for \$750.

Welsberg has no known arrest record.

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