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Congressman Michael Harrington of Mass.  
House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Congressman Harrington,

Prior to your filing of your suit against the CIA my friend, lawyer and colleague Jim Lesar and I had discussed his writing you and sending you a copy of our new book, which has an amazing and I think extremely relevant series of confessions by the late Allen Dulles. Mr. Dulles made these statements - in effect that everyone in the CIA and FBI would commit perjury and it would be the right thing to do - when he expected them to be secret in perpetuity. As the enclosed ad on this book indicates, I obtained a TOP SECRET transcript in the most bizarre of Freedom of Information suits.

There is another kind of CIA domestic activity that is, to the best of my knowledge, entirely unexposed. They have a front for this purpose and I have full documentation because that front had my public appearances under surveillance for the CIA through a commercial service.

In addition to this documentary proof and live witnesses I can produce, I have substantial reason to believe there was other CIA interference with my first-amendment rights, more than enough to eliminate the claim of fishing if and when I can file a suit and then file for discovery. It will be, I think, even now a major sensation because of the kind of activity and the persons involved.

I have been wanting to file this suit for years but I have not been able to pay counsel. Jim Lesar has been planning to file and seek co-counsel for almost a year now but our lives have precluded it. We have been too busy on other work. However, we do have an appointment on this in the new future, with a CIA executive. While I doubt he'll be forthright or helpful, we do propose making it possible. Unlike others, I was not an anti-war activist, have had no foreign connections except as a writer, and do have certain proof of surveillance on me. And I have written and published in areas where the CIA is tender from impropriety and have collected materials on this I have not yet been able to publish. In short, the defenses that rightly or wrong can be made to compiling files on others cannot be made with me except falsely.

There is an additional difference: I have an intelligence background. I was in OSS. Prior to that I was a Senate investigator and an investigative reporter. When I was exposing Nazi cartels I also had a relationship with British intelligence. So, it has been less difficult for me to reconstruct part of this illicit activity. It was easy, for example, to pinpoint the CIA's Washington station without leaving home.

The real public service in which you are engaged will also in some degree help me personally. My purpose in writing is to offer to help you if I can.

Temporarily I am without transportation. However, I will be in Washington on the second whether or not my car is repaired because that is the day of our CIA appointment. Thereafter I should be able to travel these 50 miles almost any day.

For the fine thing you are and have been doing, our sincere thanks.

Yours truly,

Harold Weisberg