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Dear Jim,

Something rather important has come up with one of the FOIA requests I have filed with the FBI. Specifically, I now have 30 days to appeal a refusal (based upon 552 (b) (2) and (b) (5) ) and, in the AG rejects, I then have the choice of going to court or not, and I can either go to court here in L.A. or in Washington where, as Clarence Kelley informs me "the records are situated."

I have every intention of going to court on the matter: the only question is where, and with whom.

This brings me to you.

If there were no other factors involved, I would simply mail you my folder of correspondance, ask if you were interested, and take it from there. But there are a number of other factors involved, so let me address them briefly.

First, there is the money. I don't have any right now. The circumstances of my life may change quckkly very soon, but the point is, I can't make any promises now.

Secondly, and perhaps more important, there may be a conflict of interest. Personalities aside, it is conceivable that you may not want to handle an FOI request for JFK info from the Justice Department simply because you have another client with a similar (but I seriously doubt identical) request.

Thirdly, and perhaps most serious of all, there is Harold. Over the years, Weisberg has poisoned waters in a number of locations for me, but usually this has been purely a temporary pheomanon. Once a person either gets to know either me at all, or him better, it quickly becomes apparent just who is the odd-ball and who is sane.

Frankly, I have no idea where you stand on this entire matter since you have never answered any letters I have written you, though you were quite cordial and helpful when we last spoke.

Push has come to shove for me on this particular legal matter.

I am going to need a lawyer.

The case relates to a specific chapter of my upcoming book (although I doubt it will be resolved before publication). If the FBI does not come foward with the specific documents I am requesting, it is going to look awfully strange. And I know that any Congressional committe which investigates this case would be most interested in some

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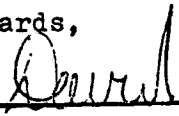
the letters they have sent me.

So I have these questions:

- 1) Can you be of help?
- 2) Could you keep your affairs with me separate from Weisberg, or is this an impossible situation?
- 3) If you can't help---for whatever reason---can you advise me whether I would be better off going into court in D.C. or here in L.A.?
- 4) If D.C. is the place, can you refer me to a lawyer who would be able to handle it for me?

Look forward to hearing from you.

Regards,

  
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