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Congressman Paul McCloskey
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C.

Attn. Legislative Assistant

Dear Congressman,

We are all in your debt for a courageous fight for correct principles. On your this morning's appearance you raised one I had not heard you mention before, freedom of information. As I understood your statement to CBS, this is one of your major concerns. As a writer it is and has been one of mine, as it has been a major problem.

Recently I wrote letters on this to one of your colleagues and to a Senator. I enclose copies. I have these and much more extensive files, should they at some time interest you or your staff. These files reflect largely unsuccessful efforts to get what is without doubt public information from a number of agencies. The response has varied from total silence, despite the law, to refusal to provide regulations promulgated under the law to the lies of Richard Kleindienst.

If the time ever comes when you do return to the practise of law, I have already exhausted my administrative remedies in a number of efforts to get what is suppressed by raw power alone, and I sure would welcome help! I have been forced to act as my own attorney. If I have been able to prove perjury by the government, I have not been able to do anything about it. I'd like to believe it might do some good if it were possible to force the government which committed the perjury to punish its agents.

Should the future make the change in your career you seemed to forecast, or should you just find a bit more time, if you'd like to illustrate your present efforts with some historical cases, from my career in intelligence in World War II I can tell you of certain captured information that, to this day, I believe has never been released. The reasons are political. You can ask for these records and, if you do not get them, decide whether you want to carry the effort further.

In any event, thanks for your stalwart efforts and ~~the~~ saying things the people should hear and, I hope, think about.

Sincerely,

Harold Weisberg