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Senator Richard Schweiker
Room 347, Senate Office Bldg.
Wash., D.C. 20510

Dear Dick,

I did not stay up for your TV appearance. I'm told you said that the information on Ruby as a (potential) FBI informer was just declassified.

This illustrates one of the fears I have tried to express to you. Leaving aside other questions about Ruby and his alleged status, this was not classified and was not secret in any way I can remember. At least it was not secret when I wrote about it five years ago. With the same Warren Commission materials as my source.

An accumulation of these seemingly minor errors can, I fear, hurt you and the effort I have no doubt at all you intent seriously. If there is nobody keeping account on all of us I'll be quite surprised.

It also illuminates a problem you are not alone in having. I tried to tell you that all proclaiming themselves experts are not and that almost nobody had done any real work, fewer in recent years. It is at best difficult for you and other members to discriminate.

And, of course, when you are on TV you have no adviser at your side.

With this particular instance there may be another problem. Those who have exploited this Hoover stuff before you have no idea of the other possibilities misuse of this may have adversely effected. I was working on that five years ago, too.

I know the reasoning of those who call themselves the pot-boilers. None has given me an assurance that we will not be the ones burned by the spill-over. There is no end to their stoking of the cauldron.

I don't want you and those in agreement with you to be the ones burned.

Sincerely,

Harold Weisberg