file personnel copy for Silverstein - Pelley file

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Dear Mr. Buckley,

The language in your 7/7/77 relating to my 6/8/77, " as to your statement that you were virtually a Department employee" is inappropriate, unbecoming, prejudicial and the reflection of a state of mind that has those who are supposed to enforce and uphold the law in the constant role of law-breakers. For which, being the prosecutors, they naturally have immunity.

I ask that you correct this woth another letter to the office of the DAG, to which from your letter I presume you sent this one.

This is the kind of malicious creation of false records that then are circulated to others to create further prejudice, do further harm. Some I have obtained recently are overt and deliberate lies. Yours is just self-indulgence of a perverted sense of humor or the kind of knavish and mails dirty-work that give the necessary and honorable roll of federal attorney a bad name. In this case deservedly and not only because of this nastiness.

Yesterday I was almost hospitalized. I am in no mood to put up with any more of this. I am asking for a record of every distribution of your letter of the 7th and of a record of a rectification being sent for simultaneous filing. (Is this not a right under PA, which you pretend I did not use?)

Between the unjustified delay in your response and the fragility of memory I do not redall exactly what I did tell you because some of it is delicate as it relates to others, not me. I am confident what I said is truthful// and unexaggerated.

Correct me if I recall PA incorrectly, but I believe under it you may not charge the search fees you seek to assess. Correct me also is I am wrong in believing that the department's components, at one point or another and for one reason or another, have indexes at least for names on the Hiss and Rosenberg cases and a central index of all names that the FBI keeps, with reference to file numbers. From this and any other work of which I do not have knowledge, given an intent to exercise due diligence in good faith I do not believe it is necessary to read each and every document. I have seen a couple of these that were filed in courts and I know there has to be innocent reference to me that becomes other than innocent through the mind set reflected in your first paragraph. Obviously I have no way of knowing the filing system.

What do you mean "we construe your letter, also, to be a request for any records about yourself contained in the Criminal Division's file on thePelley- Mayne - Silver Shirts matter." / My requests on these matters go be ck to 1975 and are without response or compliance. You scratch with another of those hails in the description. The fact is that a corrupt effort was made to indict me in that matter and you omit my name in your description of the "matter." In every sense here also you create a less than honest and prejudicial record to influence the vast bureaucracy. There is no possibility of those damaged by such abuses ever catching up with them all.

This is not a new request of 6/8/77. It is covered by two prior requests under PA and FOIA (and I think earlier correspondence with you). These go back to about 5/75 and were repeated several times into early 1976. I ask that you go over yourr requests, get the correct date and process in accord with that correct date. You say they are processed by date of receipt. I am not responsible for what happens to my requests once they are received and I do not accept any delay of a year and a half, real or pretended, in their reaching your division or attention.

There are exigent and unique circumstances. I would hope not to have to invoke them with such old requests. I await hearing further from you and I do hope it takes less than a full month and so avoid that to which is this I object. Sincerely, Harold Weisberg