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Mr. Harold Weisberg
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Dear Mr. Weisberg:

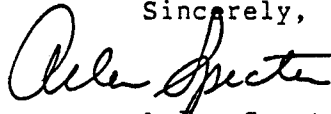
Thank you for your recent communication. I would like you to know that I appreciate the time you have taken to contact me.

You may be sure that I will keep your views very much in mind as I consider legislation which comes before the 99th Congress.

I hope you will continue to give me counsel and advise me on matters of interest to you.

Again, my thanks.

Sincerely,



Arlen Specter

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Senator Arlen Specter
U.S. Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

3/2/85

Dear Senator,

You may be interested in the content of the part of yesterday's Jack Anderson column the Washington Post omitted, so I enclose a copy.

Actually, the FBI prepared dossiers on the Warren Commission staff twice, once early on and then after the Report was out.

None of the other information used in the column is reflected in any Commission records I've seen and the FBI withheld all of it from me in an FOIA lawsuit in which it should have been processed for disclosure. It was disclosed in other litigation to a friend from whom I obtained it.

If you'd like copies of the documents I filed please let me know and I'll send them.

Your interest in Mengele reminds me of a story from a mens' magazine sent me, as best I now recall, in the late 1960s. My recollection may not be dependable but it is that in the story, which was about Paraguay as a base for drugs smuggled into the U.S., there was a reference to an alleged Mengele involvement. I am clear that the story included details of the use of small planes and a photo of the main pilot in that operation. I think the magazine was True or Saga.

A man who was without question involved in the Brazil end of the drug smuggling and served time for it and is bitter about his subsequent treatment is, I understand, willing to talk. I believe I can make the arrangements if you are interested. To refer to him as a dubious character is to praise him and you certainly could not take his unconfirmed word on anything, but he fears for his life and may be able to provide or suggest confirmation.

I'm pretty certain there were references to Mengele's presence in Paraguay quite some time before the date in the records you disclosed. I was in intelligence during and after World War II and I suggest that in the State Department's central records as well as those of the Latin American Division of what when I knew it was known as Research and Analysis there may be such references. Nazis were welcome there under the Hector Morinigo dictatorship, which immediately preceeded Stroessner's. Components of the army then were the most democratic force in Paraguay and if it were possible to reach some of the military as of that time it might be productive. The part of the army based at Concepcion in particular. It revolted against Morinigo and Nazi-like influences and policies. Also of that period, leaders of the Colorado Party might be able to be helpful.

Sincerely,



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Dear Jim,

3/2/85

Oddly, the local reaction to what appeared in the local paper yesterday, insofar as it is reflected to me, is limited to the story, which was on the first paper. Nobody has yet mentioned the column! With no mention of where I live in the column, I did not expect any reaction from elsewhere.

I've had two nut calls, from people who are quite serious. A man who'd been to a right extreme religious gathering, I gather to the right of Ealwell, reported seeing the Zapruder film there with a commentary that was persuasive to him: you could see the driver turn around and shoot him. You could even see the pistol when it was pointed out by the man of God who displayed the film. And a woman called to tell me that it was Ladybird's job and to hope that I stay with it long enough to prove it. Ladybird had the money and the motive, she says.

With Les I can attribute it to space limitations but with the space the local reporter had I do not understand why he could not say how the records came to light. I explained it in detail. I did to Les, who should have known from the petition, which is specific on disclosure to Mark. When Les read his draft I told him exactly how the records came out but all he'd insert was a reference to unnamed others. His conclusion also was changed, from a reference to the campaign against me to what I suggested instead, that the FBI wasted that time instead of investigating the crime.

I had hoped for a story with some substance because the metropolitan papers get the rural papers and go over them for stories and features. Nothing here that should interest a Balt. or DC paper. Or would do any good if they picked it up.

I've written Specter and enclose a copy. I was the Paraguay desk for a while, as I did not tell him, and Nazi influence was very strong in Paraguay and Argentina. It had the best industrial, financial and commercial connections because there were Nazi firms there that were quite powerful and well connected. Some of the more important families were European, Germans and Italians in particular. Witness Stroessner's name.

Just had to make a trip to the local Hechinger store and the same damned thing, the young man who knew me read the story, not the column.

I do not expect to hear from Specter because he's been afraid of confrontation with me many times, going back to 1966, and he may suspect something that doesn't exist. But if it were not for the fact that native nazis were running State security in those days I'd be certain that the old files hold Mengele references.

Best,