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Dear Mr. Hirschkop,

Despite protestations to the contrary, the CIA does engage in domestic intelligence. I have carbon copies of surveillance on me done for it by a private agency. For such purposes the CIA has its own front. I also have copies of bills rendered for this surveillance on me and checks in payment. With an original envelope in which one of the checks was mailed and the names on the bills and the checks, I do have a fair reconstruction of the CIA front used for this. In addition, I also have a transcript of a conversation between a regional and the national office of this agency dealing with a coming appearance by me ("that old nemesis of the CIA is coming to town...Oh, goodie, goodie") and a tape of a conversation on my initiative between me and this national manager ("you hold the all-time track record").

I can produce the former employee of the agency who provided me with this evidence. He collected it for me before quitting in disgust. He is a radio news reporter now, his career before going to work for that agency.

My purpose in writing you is to ask if this is actionable, especially if further supported, and if you agree it is or might be, to ask if you'll take the case.

What I have in mind by way of further support involves E. Howard Hunt. It is not as positive as the foregoing. When Hunt was an employee of the CIA and for years after the initial connection, he claimed to represent an undefined Littauer & Wilkinson Co., 500 Fifth Ave., New York, and as its Washington representative, officed in the Washington Building. Hunt has no office in the Washington Building. I have traced this and know the connection. During his CIA days he had connections outside the CIA that figure in the so-called Watergate case. Now it happens that in 1965 The Saturday Evening Post was interested in using chapters of my first book. My agent was terrified when I started writing about the JFK assassination, so I was without an agent. The Post sent me to Max Wilkinson, who was excited about that book and another on which I was working, one he said had good prospects of making a movie. Wilkinson was to be my agent in dealing with the Post. I actually believed the deal was set. In a matter of a couple of weeks, Wilkinson reported the deal was off, giving as reasons what was soon enough proven to be completely wrong. He also lost interest in this other book he said would make a movie, not the usual behavior of an agent. At that time and until 1959 Hunt claimed to represent Littauer and Wilkinson, even after its listing disappeared from The Literary Marketplace. The Washington Building address was that of another private agency doing CIA work. By another coincidence, there was a CIA foundation, The Lucius M. Littauer Foundation, Inc., also in New York. I have not checked for a connection.

The chapter I expected The Post to use says Oswald was intelligence. That chapter was later reprinted, without the change of a word, by another magazine, which paid \$9,500 less than the Post would have paid, and at a time when it could have no benefit in sales of that book.

On Thursday, March 1, I will be taking a sick friend to National Airport, which will put me near your office if you or an associate will then have a few minutes. I will be picking this friend up sometime Saturday, March 3. I hope you will have the time.

Sincerely,

Harold Weisberg