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Mr. John E. ~~Peurifoy~~ Peurifoy  
Assistant Secretary  
Department of State  
Washington 25, D.C.

Dear Mr. Peurifoy,

I have just been handed your letter informing me that my employment in the Department of State was terminated effective as of the close of business yesterday, under Title 1 of Public Law 490, 79th Congress, Second Session.

You state that "after careful consideration" this action was deemed necessary and advisable in the interests of the United States." It seems to me that "careful consideration" should have at least included a hearing in which I might at least hear any charges that might be made against me and given an opportunity to answer them. As you know, I haven't the remotest notion of what this shocking action is based upon, what is involved or who, if anyone, has made any accusations against me.

I can conceive of nothing more "necessary and advisable in the interests of the United States" than that the American way of life be preserved. I know of nothing more subversive of our way that this action and the ~~complete~~ manner in which it was accomplished, which is in complete violation of all the sacred rights we hold dear.

I should like to know what charges, if any, have been made against me, and be given an opportunity to answer any such accusations. If there are none, both as a citizen and a veteran, I believe I am at the very least entitled to a statement to this effect.

Yours truly,

Harold Weisberg