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Senator James Abourezk  
U.S. Senate  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Senator Abourezk,

I have just read the printed transcript of your FOIA hearing of 9/30/77.

You were had.

The one exception is Quinlan Shea. He and I disagree about much, <sup>but</sup> I have an without doubt about his intentions.

I have given my lawyer a lengthy affidavit for him to file in my C.A. 75-1996. I do not know if he has filed it yet. It goes into this testimony in some detail, along with a number of other relevant matters.

There is not a really truthful representation relating to me that those Civil Division people gave you, except that I had ground for complaint. They have dedicated themselves to assuring the permanence of my having basis for complaint. They also have assured no further compliance.

"Unique" is the word Schaffer used.

The part I like best is where the testimony of September 30 has me having met with Schaffer when this did not happen until November 11.

Mrs. Zusman was more modest with the calendar. I was in her office for the first and I think only time November 2. So she testified to having met with my counsel and me.

Don't feel badly. You are only a United <sup>States</sup> Senator. Besides, you've said you've had enough and are returning to private life.

Those people do the same thing and more to federal judges and are immune there, too.

They also appreciated what you read to them about giving other people what I sue for (page 139). They must because they've kept at it, as recently as this past week. I saw on TV tonight what they've been denying to me for a long time. My lawyer also asked for it and they have been fighting like hell not to give it to him.

McCreight pulled a great line on you, telling you how they break their backs to avoid litigation. That no doubt is why I filed suits subsequent to this testimony weeks after his time for mere acknowledgement of requests was past.

Maybe time has dimmed my recollection but I seem to think that years ago when I worked for the Senate there were few if any downtown bureaucrats who were self-important enough to flaunt such open contempt for a United States Senator - the person or the office.

I don't blame you for leaving. But I'm sorry you are. There never are enough to fight those fights that must be fought.

Sincerely,

Harold Weisberg