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Dear Jim Abderson,

You say, "I don't think our UPI legal correspondent has any examples of the thing you mention." I, personally, sent him copies of everything, what I filed after I was pro se in this litigation and what the government filed. I do not recall whether I sent copies of what the judge did and said. I heard nothing from him. Or AP, of the TV net s, where I sent these to people I know, or anyone else, and I must have sent about 30 reporters copies. The felonies charged, proven and entirely undenied are perjury, fraud and misrepresentation.

I am not now in a position to make extra copies if your correspondent threw those I sent away. I'm 73, not well and limited in what I can do. I can't stand at all and we have a primitive copier which requires that I stand or when I don't, not keep my leg elevated, which is mandatory. My friend and erstwhile lawyer is Jim Lesar, 918 F St., NW, #509, 393-1921. He has copies and can let you make your own, I think. He was here briefly yesterday and I showed him your letter, so he'll remember if you ask him. (I am not a member of that assassination group - or any other.)

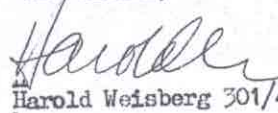
I'm not trying to pry, but if I knew more about your book I might be able to help you more. How the FBI, for example, is able to control events by its uses of the press - print (papers and magazines) and even books. In one case LBJ wanted Hoover to write a book for this purpose and the FBI came up with a substitute in which it used the more than willing Sid Epstein of the old Wx Star. They've even been able to control major criminal cases this way, and I have the documents.

There may be other things I have that might be of interest. We are less than an hour from Glen Echo if you'd like to come up. I'm almost never away because I am not able to drive out of Frederick and haven't for a decade. I'm off at therapy daily until about 10:30 and except for errands am home thereafter. I do think it is possible that if we were to chat a little I might be able to help you. Even on the Bay of Pigs, about which I once researched and planned a book tentatively titled Tiger to Ride. I'm sorry, my interest was the Cuba Missile Crisis, but I do know something about the Bay of Pigs and some of the people in it. A fair amount on Hunt, whose career, in part, might fit what you are doing. I believe he ran an anti-publishing operation for the CIA out of a military cover at about 1750 Penna. Ave., NW. (Yes, there are untold Watergate stories. The Post's interest was limited to getting rid of Nixon.)

I think there may be a fair amount of what might interest you in one of my subject files, so called to distinguish it from the records as I receive them. If you come up, please remember to look under DeLoach and then the 94 files. This is the one to which I referred. There are also a few nice little petty corruptions, like of Jim Bishop by the Dallas FBI, and a rather wretched story about the personable fink Jerry O'Leary.

You are right, the watchdog has become the lapdog which growls still. But it has forgotten that it has teeth and it uses only its tongue.

Best wishes,


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Dear Mr. Weisberg

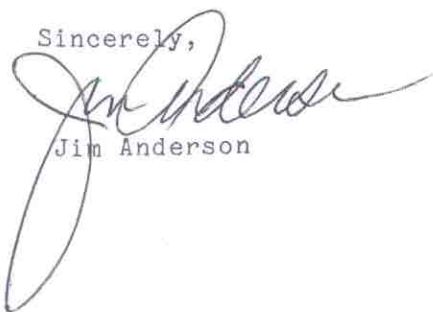
I'm sorry for the long delay in answering your letter, but I've been travelling a lot and involved with a couple of other projects.

I would be interested to hear from you a synopsis of the kind of case you mentioned. The suppression of information is not something that I have dealt with so far (apart from the obvious ones of the Bay of Pigs and the U-2 stories) but I think it is an important. I don't think our UPI legal correspondent has any examples of the thing that you mention, mainly because a wire service is geared to day-to-day coverage, and not to the long term.

What I would like to see from you (and would be glad to credit you for in the acknowledgements) would be a specific case of suppression of a felony, together with the backup documents. Bear in mind that this could only be part of a chapter of a much broader book on the theme of how the press has become corrupted by its proximity and dependence on the government for its news, leaks, and dribbles. The watch dog has become a lap dog, although it continues to growl as loudly as before.

Again, I apologize for the delay in responding to your letter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Jim Anderson". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Jim Anderson

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8/24/86

Dear Mr. Anderson,

"How the press became an arm of government" may certainly include many government agencies.

It also may include what the press refuses to report.

In fact it includes, in my experience, refusal to report felonies - please take this literally - before the federal courts by the Department of Justice and the FBI.

And this in an area in which, by the traditional standards of my own reporting past, one would expect the press to be most sensitive - freedom of information.

The only reporting of the FOIA litigation in which undenied (and overwhelmingly proven) prejury, fraud and misrepresentation is about to gut that act was, like your reporters' committee experience in today's Post, was by the so-called Reporters Committee on Freedom of the Press. And that reporting was for all practical purposes a handout by the government's attorney in which there is no mention of these felonies. (Which are, by the way, proven by the FBI's own records filed in the litigation.)

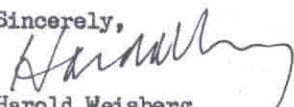
If any of this is of any interest for your book, copies of all the court records are available to you here or in Washington.

There is a large and untold story of how the FBI arranged this misuse of the press, with some well-documented illustrations in its own records I have. Under Cartha DeLoach the FBI devised a simple system for hiding these records from normal searches, by classifying them as "Research Matters" and holding that classification to be irrelevant to the searches. I've obtained about a quarter of a million pages of FBI records under FOIA and although such "Research Matters" records are relevant and abundant there has never been any disclosure of any such file. I learned of them by filing notations on disclosed records. Then I began making separate files of such records when they were duplicated in other files that were disclosed.

When I say that the press refused to report these undenied felonies I mean that I sent copies of the pleadings of both sides to quite a few, ^{print}press, radio and TV, complete with the documentary proof. By the standards of my reporting days the documents in themselves would have been considered newsworthy. If your own legal correspondent didn't throw them away, he has them.

Your subtitle describes what can be one of the most important books of our day. The best of luck with it! If I have anything that can be of interest or use, you are welcome to it, with or without attribution, no strings.

Sincerely,


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