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Senator Charles Mathias
Senate Office Bldg.
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sen,

Thanks for your letter of the 18. But again I remind you that it is not necessary for you or Ed to waste time on us with formalities. I had a note from him several days ago.

I haven't begun to read you what I've felt called upon to do about this, just enough to alert you and you estimate by continuing facts. Unless there is a change in what has already been signed, it will be worse for everyone, especially Teddy, who has made himself a mess out of himself.

I know Marshall is a friend of yours. You do not know how he cannot have told you what he has done, into whose hands he has put his power and that of his clients and, need I say again, that of the country? He has to be insane to have even considered not only what he has done but what he has agreed to do. I am unloading him with numerous letters and a list of questions that, if answered, I'll feel free to publish.

I understand the file. Lapsier has done something on the other side. I've not seen it but I've asked that a copy be sent you. The author of the letter is a brilliant young student who knows well and likes.

This made necessary a review of my file on Lapsier and the obtaining of what I did not have. He is incredible. He uses the jargon, clichés and what for then passes as the reasoning of the extreme of the right, there is one case I have of overt and typical anti-semitism, and Civil-Rights/Communism cases I Marshall picks up in open violation of the contract Marshall signed? All of this will now have more witness to Teddy what will, I think, be inevitable if my respectable pathologist is joined someone new, a G. O. all weight, who is of impeccable credentials.

Right now it serves Teddy's interest more than mine for the completed book to be printed, so nothing not possible commercially (certainly not in time if there are the developments I fear), and I can't go further into debt to do it. I had hoped that a young man, concerned and of wealth, would do it, but he went off on a jet-skiing trip of which I would not be part. Were it not for this, the book would have been printed.

If you would be a friend of Teddy's or Warren's, I hope you will find me little as 15 minutes the first time you see him. I'll put enough in your hand, most if not all never seen by anyone, to eliminate any doubt. I ask only preservation of confidence, that if you talk to either you give your own version without identification of my sources.

Thanks for the interest and the initial effort. If Marshall ever tells you why he broke his word, even if I must keep it secret, I'd like to know. I do keep secrets, though not many.

Sincerely,

Harold Weisberg