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Dear Paul,

That I write you by registered mail is, obviously, exceptional. The reason is not if what follows is. If there is no assurance against intrusion into the mail, I believe registering it provides the best chance.

I have to ask you what I here will. I think you will, as you should, assume that if I did not believe you will answer honestly I would not ask you at all.

There is a real situation in which I cannot follow your interest or mine without asking this direct question.

I believe you will have questions and I will answer them. However, I also believe both our interests are best served by beginning with no explanations at all for the reason for asking the question.

After there is this record, of my asking and your answering, I'll respond by explaining. If the explanation is not complete enough, all you need do is ask what questions you want.

If you have purposes of your own in building an independent record of your own as you may conceive it can serve your interest you may want me to limit my initial response to yours. If this is the case and if you want to do it by asking me questions without my fully informing you, please feel free to do this. I'll then restrict myself to minimal response to each question.

I can think of more than one way you can see your interests involved so after you answer the question you may want to think further on this point alone, the possibility that you have more than one interest in this. I think if I were now to go further in this it would amount to prompting and I think that would not be the right course.

The question is have you ever worked for or in any way, directly or indirectly, in any way served the CIA?

Please do not regard this as accusatory or frivolous.

Sincerely,

Harold Weisberg