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Dear Mr. Sheehan,

In the event that my letter of 7/24 to the Institute went astray, I enclose a copy of it.

Although it is implicit, I should have begun the letter by stating that the litigation is an FOIA case. Discovery under FOIA, against a plaintiff, in itself is without precedent.

This is but one of the adverse precedents I fear from this litigation in which I have persisted only in the interest of others. My fear is increased by the fact that as a nonlawyer I am ill equipped, particularly before this appeals court, which has already rewarded official lying. This offense, like the others to which I referred, is entirely unadmitted and like the others, it cannot be disputed.

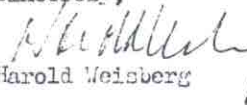
For the past six years I have not been able to keep up with other FOIA litigation and Reagan administration restraints on information but from what I know of both matters and my prior and considerable experience, I think that the precedents involved will severely limit, if not gut, FOIA, and will be used for other restraints on the availability of information.

If there is any other information you would like, please let me know. I would like very much to hear from you about this as soon as possible.

If you would like to talk to the lawyer who represented me until the government created a conflict of interest, he is James H. Lesar, 203-1921. This conflict came about when he did not do as I asked, refuse compliance with a phony discovery request, for the recognized reasons I advanced, and instead indicated to the court that I would comply. I had refused. So, when I refused to pay the money judgement, for alleged legal costs, even when the government threatened to seek a contempt citation (which I knew they would not dare, and they did not), the government sought and obtained a duplicating judgement for the same alleged costs against him. However, we remain friends and I have a high personal regard for him. I am confident that he will confirm what I've told you. He and I both have a full set of the case record. I've sent him copies of everything since I've been pro se.

On remand the judgement against him was cancelled.

Sincerely,


Harold Weisberg

P.S. I believe that the present status of the case is that it is limited to whether or not the judgement from which I seek relief was obtained by fraud, perjury and misrepresentation and whether, under the rules, I am entitled to the relief I seek.