

Mr. Tom Susman, Counsel
Administrative Practices Subcommittee
New Senate Office Bldg.
Washington, D.C.

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Dear Tom,

Now that the Church Committee's life is about to end I am anxious to obtain copies of its hearings and reports. I have in the past made requests of several members. The staff of one was directed to supply copies and didn't. The staff of another sent me the report on assassinations. So I am writing to ask, if it is not too much trouble, if you can obtain these for me.

My interests are ~~for~~^{for} my continuing work and for archival purposes.

These interests also extend to what may not have been published and may not have to be kept secret, as I'll explain. In one area they cross over into the work of one of your subcommittees, on drugs and perhaps mind-bending by CIA.

With the latter in time I will be able to advance this work, if any member has an interest in it. I do not now recall whether I wrote you about this. I did intend to. I have a source who knows this field. I believe he may be one of the victims. He trusts me but is unwilling to surface. He has informed me of six programs with their cryptonyms and other identifications prior to the publication of any. I have seen no mention of four. To be able to develop more information on this I am anxious to obtain a copy of the Inspector General's report of which I have some pages. I'd also like him to go over the hearings on this.

There is no question but what I have been a target of the domestic activities of at least the CIA because I have copies of some of it, considerably ~~xxx~~^{more} than the CIA has provided. The FBI is stonewalling on this. When we can we'll be filing an action. I believe that through discovery we'll be able to advance what is publicly known in these areas, even after this committee's work. So, if it is possible to obtain any non-secret but unpublished information on the publishing activities it could be quite helpful to me and to advancing what is known. I am especially interested in the testimony, etc., of and about Richard Ober, under whom at least some of this was. The same for mail interceptions.

When it became apparent that the current Congress was not going to develop what I regard as a serious and responsible approach to the JFK assassination and I was not in a position to do anything about it I shifted my focus back to that of Dr. King, with some success. Beginning with the conning of the Church Committee by Adams of the FBI I was able to develop an unexposed Cointelpro involvement, turned it over to a reporter friend and we now have confirmation and more evidence of it. A simplification is that the FBI's provocateurs caused the violence that caused Dr. King to return to Memphis where he was killed. This does not mean the FBI killed him, though. I know I can do this with areas of the JFK material the Church committee went into. One of these deals with one William George Gaudet, with whom they went off on the wrong tangent.

I have no contacts of my own with the committee's staff, partly because of the travel limitations imposed on me from the phlebitis and the post-phlebotic condition, which appears to be one of some permanent limitations, one of which is how much driving I can do. I can still fly and put in long hours but I can't safely drive to Washington. I realize this is not within your own areas of work. But if you can be of any help I'd appreciate it. If you know of any member of the staff who does not begin with a prejudice against my work and would not be unwilling to meet with me, I'd appreciate being in touch. I'll be in Washington again on the fifth, for a calendar call on 75-1996.

Thanks for anything you may be able to do. Sincerely, Harold Weisberg