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Congressman John Conyers
222 Cannon Office Bldg.
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C.

Dear Congressman Conyers,

The only time since I saw Paul a week ago (except for the weekend, when we had a regular campin of fine young people, part of the anti-war protest, of whom seven were in sleeping bags alone!) that I haven't been free is the precise moment Miss Heidi Napper phoned yesterday.

I do, very much, appreciate your interest, and of all the people with whom I'd like to talk, Jesse Jackson is one I'm most anxious to meet.

However, what was involved yesterday was important. It involved the reputation, perhaps the future, of a Member who had been fed some bad information I was checking out with a lawyer who had come for that purpose, to get access to my knowledge and my files.

If Mr. Jackson has not left Washington, as I told Miss Napper, I am entirely free of commitments today and can be wherever in the Washington area he may be within 1½ hours of getting a phone call.

In advance of being able to hear from her or you, I write this early in the morning for two purposes: to thank you for your interest and effort and to let you know my schedule for the coming week. And, with the new "efficiency" that has come to the mails, I'm taking this into town after breakfast in the hope there remains at least one outgoing daytime mail, on the chance it may reach you before the weekend.

I leave for New York Saturday. If there are any there to whom you think I should speak, I'd appreciate knowing it. Saturday afternoon and night I'll be able to get a message at 281-4956. I'm having dinner and spending the evening with a few members of the Harlem Writer's Guild. My plans for Sunday are not set, but a message left at this number should reach me. Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday I can get a message left with my publisher, 799-6449. I expect to return home late Wednesday night and can go to Washington Thursday and Friday morning, should there be occasion. I have to be in Baltimore 2:30 Friday.

Meanwhile, with your connections with the anti-war young people, you may want to know that generally we can accomodate four in beds, others with improvisation, are on the route between your constituency and your office and only an hour from the latter. They'd be welcome here. With the natural beauties with which we live, I think also happy.

Sincerely,

Harold Weisberg