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Congressman John Conyers
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C.

Dear Congressman Conyers,

Soon after I last wrote you the probability of being able to do what we discussed the day of the press conference appeared easier by a simpler and different way: in court.

There is nothing political about an honest, straightforward court record.

Because in court it is subject to refutation or rebuttal if there is none I believe it will be more probative and less subject to tortured interpretations.

However, I would not want to pre-empt the judge so I've said and until after he does whatever he will do intend saying nothing.

We have caught Ford as Joe McCarthy and the government misusing the law and its power and influence to suppress it.

Jim and I have again proven a negative. We have the proof. Jim is preparing it for filing. I expect it to have been filed by the time you return from the convention.

We have been heavily occupied with these court matters. They do require much work and time. However, I think they are coming remarkably well and that with a little luck and help we may be at the point of breakthroughs in the JFK and King assassinations. Not counting the case in which this exposure of Ford is not certain, with the only question the attention it will get. I've got the proof, having been forced to get it by the official trickery, which gave me the clues.

You will find, I think, that confronted with a district court decision that negates the Freedom of Information law we turned that and the government around and ~~have~~ have extended the parameters of the rights of plaintiffs in historically significant cases and the means by which these rights can be protected. While we have forced the retirement of four FBI agents (if not more) because the government wanted to argue that they could not be compelled to respond to discovery after retirement I am confident we will be able to depose ~~them~~ them now.

Jim and I have decided that until there is a need to go public we will not. If there is a need, we will.

I do not want to take your time for more. If you would like to talk about any of this, particularly the point to which we have carried the King case, we would, too. I'll be in Washington on the 28th for a status call on remand in C.A.75-1996. It is set for 9:30. I'll be happy to stay longer. (I do not drive unless I have to take my wife to Washington. It is better for me not to drive.) I'll be there again on the 30th and depending on parking I could be at your office by 10. I have my annual checkup on the second of August at 9 a.m. I should be free before 10:30.

We are prevailing in the cases out of three now filed and are building solid, extensive records. I do not believe I am exaggerating in saying that we may be near the point of break-through, including in the King case.

Sincerely,

Harold Weisberg