

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

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Dear Congressman Conyers,

This is prompted by the short story in today's Post reporting a DJ/FBI investigation of your 1972 campaign and your response.

If I did not tell you earlier of the misuse of the Department of Justice and the FBI to protect Ford I should have. I have several cases of it, one in particular now in court. In this they are misusing FOIA to hide Ford's earlier McCarthyite record. It puts him as the spokesman for racists and other political antedeluvians. I have documentary proof of enough of the content of what DJ has been withholding from me for a very long time.

Because their stonewalling has such obvious political intent I've been telling my lawyer, Jim Lesar, that if the judge does not order the release of that transcript before the election or if DJ appeals, as I think probable, I want to hold a press conference and make what I have available.

There is more that is relevant to his confirmation hearing and his perjury at that time on other than the Patman committee. He stole the TOP SECRET and sold it commercially, having put the late Stiles, his former campaign manager, on the public payroll to be his ghost writer. Stealing these records and selling them was not enough for our First Un-elected. He completely contorted content to hide the exposures of the sordid acts and policies of the FBI and CIA. If this was not enough he then hid all traces of all editing. DJ withheld this from me for something like five years to protect him. It is all in Whitewash IV, including excerpts from his testimony and a word-for-word comparison of the actual record and his hidden alterations of it.

If you do not have Whitewash IV one of your staff can pick it up from Jim Lesar, 1231 4 St., SW, 484-6023. He also has the records on Ford as McCarthy on the Warren Commission. We have used only some in court. Jim was uneasy about filing those with the more overt racism for fear the judge might take it the wrong way. He has them, however.

There is more indications of which you may recall my telling you.

I would be willing to make some available. This includes hidden CIA subsidy to Ford in his campaign to oust Justice Douglas. I have the necessary proofs. It also includes Watergate connection through this and through his later, voluntary political propaganda. I am willing to release this at a press conference, too. Or it can be picked up from others by summarizing what I have in rough draft. Jim also has a copy of that. Or it can be gone over here, where I have the documents not included in the rough draft of the book.

My recollection is not clear, but I think there is a link to Tungsun Park, too.

I'll be in Washington late this afternoon. If I have time I'll call your office. I'll be there again next Wednesday, the 20th, if you or any of your people would like to see me that afternoon when what takes me there is over.

Ford is not competent in simple dirty tricks. He once had an FBI investigation of himself made. Hoover pulled a transparently phoney one, carefully making a record of its phroness. I published this, including in facsimile, in my second book. However, this same Ford, when the FBI was under attack for its dossiers, actually said that he had no knowledge of whether there was any FBI file on him or not.

Best wishes,

Harold Weisberg