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July 17, 1971

Mr. Herbert N. Haller  
Deputy Clerk, Clerk's Office  
United States District Court  
for the District of Columbia  
Washington, D. C. 20001

Re: CA 2569-70

Dear Mr. Haller:

A month ago, after Judge Gesell told me help on appeal would be available from the Appeals Court, I wrote its clerk for this help. He replied by telephone, referring me to Mr. Davey. Ten days later, you replied for him. I completed the forms and the affidavit and sent them in promptly. To date I have heard nothing.

I have no experience with these matters, hence my apprehension that these delays may be consuming the time in which I may make the appeal. While I have no knowledge of it, I understand that there are time limitations. I do hope that my rights will not be compromised or denied by these delays for which I am not responsible. As I think is obvious, everything is out of my hands, out of my control, even influence.

If you are permitted to do so, will you please inform me of any time limitations, whether or not such a "clock" can be stopped, anything else that may be required of me, the present status and what is causing the new delay?

It is not my purpose to rush things. It is my purpose not to lose any rights I have. I do not want the possibility of filing an appeal and completing it to be denied me by the lapse of time, already a month, about which I can do nothing.

Sincerely,

Harold Weisberg

cc Paulson