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Dear Howard,

This is both an update and a reminder with recognition of your limitations.

You have not seen or heard from me for a long time because my own time has become more limited by a need for more rest and a routine that has me spending much time walking.

Although the doctors ignored all my accurate reporting of symptoms, I presume ascribing them to anxiety or apprehensions, by June it had become apparent that my physical capabilities were more drastically reduced than mere aging could account for. When I was able to circumvent GHA I learned first that there are arterial problems in addition to those with the veins and then a little about the nature of the arterial problems. Not all. I suppose all the testing is not done. I'm back on rat poison (literally) as an anti-coagulant and I'm certain there has been further vein damage. Although two months ago I could not walk 250 yards without getting dizzy, by keeping at it and staying in my lane, which avoids the steepness of the mountainside, I have built up to where I've done 9 miles a day recently, but not all at once. I've just returned from a trip to Wisconsin, to speak at a small college, and there were no problems with it or the travel. Now I have to rebuild other muscles, which will not be easy with the medical proscriptions, like not being able to cut firewood or run any risk of cutting or bruising. While all this was happening to me I lost 30 pounds and am still fat in places. This tells me of the atrophy of muscles because three or four years ago at 180 I could see bones in the chest.

Much of my recent time has been taken up fighting the government in FOIA suits, all in varying degrees successful, even where I expect to lose. Paying for the xeroxes has about exhausted my capabilities. I've already used much of the scant emergency reserve we had been able to put aside. On the King assassination alone I have had to pay for more than 25,000 pages and there will be more. How much more after the end of the battle with the FBI and DJ I've elected to join when I think some of the turf may be mine and in an effort to deter stonewalling me and educating the new people in DJ about what goes on, what is done and not done by those inherited from Nixon and Ford.

After years of effort I've begun to get some of the files on me. The poisonous fabrications the Hooverites spread even to the White House were effective, I'm sure, as were the distortions and exaggerations. I've just paid for another 600+ pages that in expurgated form will be here soon. (I'm 7,000 pages behind in reading the King materials I've obtained but I'll hit the personal stuff as soon as I get it because I want to explore the possibility of suing even though intentional torts are immune under the law.)

Until I can sue the CIA they'll continue the hardest stonewalling I've yet faced. They must regard me as a special case because they are withholding from me what I've been after for a long time and what they've partly complied with my requests for. What of this is of immediate concern to me is a large volume of the more recent records on mind bending. Because I do not have the money to pay the xeroxing charges I cannot exert force on them to obtain these records costing at least \$1800. Others have copies. This includes John Marks and some of the papers. I want them for examination by others one of whom is a good source with personal knowledge as of the beginning of that kind of CIA adventuring. I also want to be able to deposit all the records in a permanent public archive already started. My interest in this predated the exposures by some years. My initial lead was a suppressed Warren Commission record. I could not even interest The National Enquirer in it then.

Of course I make and have made these records available to those with interest in them and the subject. My source can add to their meaning and has. I send him copies of all I get.

Limited as my resources are I cannot justify going into debt to pay the CIA for these records when there remains so many more essential to my work that I'll have to pay for. I'm making some side efforts to obtain some backing but I have no real expectation of success from them.

I have thousands of pages of these records now, including the very earliest in which the press seemed to have no interest. With or without help in return these are available to any responsible people.

You have your own funding problems, of course. But I wanted you to know about this in the event you know of someone with special interest in the mind-bending who might be willing to help make all possible available - forever.

The FBI records I've been obtaining have opened up an unexposed aspect of its domestic activities. For the moment I want no public use of it. I do want to continue to obtain all that is possible, too, before any uses. I'm not unwilling to discuss it, though. The time required for these endeavors has made writing virtually impossible. For the King book I plan almost none of this will be necessary. It will make a very unusual and ~~worthwhile~~ worthwhile dissertation that in turn could make a good book. More than a magazine article by far in worth.

Time for another walk.

Best wishes,

Harold Weisberg