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Mr. Harold Weisberg
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Dear Harold:

I am sorry to learn that we owed you money and have not paid you. I had assumed that we had paid your expenses for your last trip some time ago. Apparently Lou did not inform me because he knows we ran out of money and that I have used up my personal money so that the cupboard is bare.

On the other hand, the last thing in the world I would want to happen would be for you to have come down and to have helped us as you did and then get stuck for expenses. I am enclosing a check from my campaign fund, which is the only money I have at present, and I will replace it with my personal money later on. There is no problem at all about your using this because the only contributor I have so far has made it clear that he does not mind if I use some of the campaign contribution to clear up some of my remaining obligations on the investigation.

You are mistaken in your apparent conclusion that you are not appreciated by me. You and I have a communication problem inasmuch as you don't mind the monitoring of your phone and mail by the federal government whereas I, on the other hand, virtually refuse to use any communication connections where I feel eavesdropping is occurring. This letter is, of course, a necessary exception.

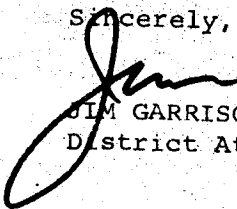
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I want you to know that I am very conscious of the great help that you have given to me and to the investigation by the office from the very first we met you, I am particularly conscious of the great service you rendered, by virtue of your insight and perspective, in being one of the first to recognize that something was wrong and that we had been penetrated. I will never be able to repay you for this service and will always be grateful to you.

I don't know any finer American than you. I think this country is greatly indebted to you even though the populace does not yet know what is happening. Above all, I will always be a friend of yours.

Sincerely,



JIM GARRISON
District Attorney

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