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Mr. Joseph H. Rothstein  
Administrative Assistant  
Senator Mike Gravel  
U.S. Senate  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Rothstein,

Enclosed is a carbon of a letter to a friend who used to know one of those I consider possible candidates as author of the anonymous letter you sent me. The copy of the copy I made for him is so unclear, I believe that for an additional use I'd like to be able to make it would be good if you can make it from the original.

If you will be kind enough to do this, please send it to Captain Shiner,<sup>n</sup> Intelligence Unit, Baltimore County Police Department, 400 Kennilworth Dr., Towson, Md. They do have samples of the typing of known extremists with which they may be able to compare this. And I have worked with them for some time, providing them with information I am able to obtain. They have kept close watch on extremist activities.

There are other possibilities, if this is not just a nut prank, but unless the Senator had said something irritating to the author at about that time, I can figure no connection with you. One is the exposure in PHASE-UP of the National States Rights Party, which is active in that part of Maryland (active for them, that is). They are known to have threatened both President Kennedy and Dr. King.

I do believe two typewriters were used. And I think I can obtain more recent samples of this candidate's typewriter than 1964.

I am also sending a copy of the enclosed letter to Tom Kelley. If I get to writing it before I mail this, I'll send you a copy.

Because I do have enemies, I appreciate your thoughtfulness in sending this to me. The man I have in mind can be hurt if I am called as a witness against him if he is brought to trial in New Orleans, where charges are pending against him. It is possible that my testimony can convict him.

Sincerely,

Harold Weisberg