

December 18, 1975

Mr. Thomas Kelley
Assistant Director
United States Secret Service
1800 G Street, NW
Washington, D. C. 20000

Dear Mr. Kelley:

I address you instead of filing an FOIA/Privacy Act request because I think the Secret Service might prefer handling this more informally. However, if I am wrong in this, please forward this letter to the proper person as a formal request under both laws.

The CIA, with which I have tried to be exceedingly patient because I realize the national need for such agencies only working within a proper democratic framework, has been stonewalling me past the point of endurance. I began asking for all its files on me in 1971. Only recently have I received any. What they sent was considerably less than those of which I had copies and of which I know. However, in what they did send me there is indication that they supplied files on me to the Secret Service and obtained files on me from the Secret Service. Because I do not know what the reaction will be to this letter, I would prefer to give you no more specifics; but I do know of Secret Service files on me to which I believe I am entitled under both laws.

The time for response has long since passed.

I will be frank with you as I think you know I have been in the past. I do not trust the CIA to be honest in any respect, including where other agencies are involved. If the Secret Service has released the CIA to give me copies of Secret Service files, the CIA has not. It also has supplied repetitious proof of lying.

I do not believe it is possible that the CIA will now comply fully. I have filed a formal appeal. If there is not full compliance within the time permitted by law, I will take this to court. This will automatically involve the Secret Service unless prior to then I have received from the Secret Service copies of all files on, about, or in any way having to do with me of any origin, nature or source of any kind.

As I did with the CIA, I have filed similar requests with the FBI after making the initial requests. In order to give the Bureau the opportunity to avoid needless embarrassment, I delayed formalizing these requests, but I now have done this and I am prepared to proceed expeditiously.

I hope you will trust my sincerity in telling you that, as I have to now, I prefer not taking the Secret Service to court. I also hope you will believe me, if you have no independent knowledge, that with the changed situation there is bitter internecine warfare inside the

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government and that I have records of preparation for it going back to the very earliest days.

So I hope this can be handled formally. If it is not, as I have asked for forwarding through proper channels, I also ask for a copy of the Secret Service's newest regulations under both acts.

Sincerely,

Harold Weisberg

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Dear Mr. Kelley:

On a separate matter I think I can be of some help to one of your former agents who is sorely troubled and, I am satisfied, need not be. However, I hesitate to intrude if my offer would be unwelcome.

I was deeply touched by Clint Hill's appearance and expressions when he appeared on "60 Minutes." From my own work I am completely satisfied that there not only is no basis for his agony, but that he could come to see it. I think it would be helpful to him if his psychiatrist were to speak to me. I would commit myself in advance to ask no questions and make no public comment of any kind or under any circumstances. I believe Hill's testimony was absolutely honest. I know how close he came to losing his life and I am absolutely convinced, not only that there is no basis for his present suffering, but I can give the psychiatrist all he needs for it to be of help.

If I do proceed in court, I have kept this part of my letter to you on a separate page so that it will not and need not be filed.

Sincerely,

Harold Weisberg