

Hon. Edward P. Boland, Chairman
House Intelligence Committee
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

9/28/84

Dear Mr. Boland,

A misplanned copy of an FBI record disclosed to me years ago, 62-109060-5900, indicates that a copy was sent to your committee by the FBI. It is seriously defamatory, distorts, misrepresents and in at least one particular is a complete fabrication.

I've gone over countless pages of FBI records relating to my work and its stock approach has been to defame the work it cannot fault by defaming me. For example, when President Johnson asked the FBI about my book, it said nothing at all about that book but it did end his interest, even his desire to learn the truth, by telling him, among other things, that my wife and I annually celebrated the Russian Revolution with a party for 30 to 35 strangers. This is a complete fabrication.

I'm past 70, unwell and limited in what I can do. I can't, for example drive to Washington, which is only an hour away. But to the degree possible I would like to do what under the Privacy Act the FBI and Department were required to make possible and refused, file correcting statements so that anyone, particularly any official, would have access to it also. Both the FBI Director and the Attorney General ignored my requests and then disclosed these defamations.

The second paragraph of the record I cite describes my writing as "vitriolic and diabolical," a description that does not fit it but does exactly fit the last sentence in that paragraph: "Weisberg has been in contact with Soviet officials in this country and has entertained these officials at his farm at Hyattstown, Maryland, where Weisberg raises chickens."

No Soviet official was ever at my farm, I never entertained any, and, in fact, my farming was liquidated about four years earlier.

This appears to be a corruption, one that cannot be accidental, of wiretapping, probably of the embassy, which I was in touch with at the request of USIA and the State Department. My wife and I had won just about all the major prizes in raising and cooking chickens and at the time of the Nixon-Khrushchev so-called "kitchen debate" the USIA asked me to challenge the USSR to "peaceful competition" in poultry raising ~~and~~ ^{and} to invite Khrushchev to our farm. Then State asked me if I'd help the Russians raise better chickens. (I'd won first and third prizes nationally for raising chickens, my wife was the "national chicken-cooking champion" and I was the "national barbecue king." I'd won the Maryland championship a number of times.)

To reflect this I'll enclose some of the literature we used to give away when we farmed.

What the FBI told LBJ and God alone knows who else was our alleged celebration of the Russian Revolution was in fact earlier and was immediately after the Jewish high holidays, about this time of the year, and was arranged for by a rabbi, not any kind of red. In its fabrication the FBI converted a religious gathering into a Communist political celebration. I've never been a Communist.

After I began to receive copies of FBI records containing these defamations I amplified my earlier appeals and documented them. The record I cite may have been xeroxed for that purpose because I recall quite clearly a similar one I attached to those appeals. And, of course, I was asking for the withheld underlying records. The other record, also a fabrication, is that I had a personal relationship with a Soviet national inside the USSR embassy.

Years ~~have~~ have passed and my appeals continue to be ignored. I've renewed them recently and they remain ignored.

After my death I'd not want all these distortions, misrepresentations and fabrications to continue to be misused to undermine the substantial work the FBI cannot fault on fact or to misrepresent its author to anyone, including your committee. This is why I write.

I know that the Privacy Act does not include the Congress but I hope you would want to be fair and to have your files accurate and fair. I will welcome an opportunity and if I know the identification of the record, which will not involve any disclosure by you of classified material, I can tell you whether it has been disclosed to me. Of course this will not identify Not Recorded serials, but it will be something. I do have all the records exactly as I received them, filed by their FBI numbers, because all my files will be part of a permanent, free university archive.

Thank you for anything you can do.

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P.S. If my barbecue recipe appeals to you, it works well with over broiling and improves with age if refrigerated. It is really a marinade.

Sincerely,



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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. W. C. Sullivan

FROM : Mr. W. A. Branigan

SUBJECT: JOE PYNE SHOW -
SUNDAY EVENING
DECEMBER 10, 1967

1 - Mr. DeLoach ✓
1 - Mr. Bishop
1 - Mr. Rosen
DATE: December 11, 1967

1 - Mr. Sullivan
1 - Mr. Branigan
1 - Mr. Lenihan

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Bishop	✓
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Callahan	✓
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Rosen	✓
Sullivan	✓
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Trotter	✓
Tele. Room	✓
Holmes	✓
Gandy	✓

The Joe Pyne Show which appeared on Washington TV Station Channel 5 from 10-12 p.m., 12/10/67, had among its guests Harold Weisberg, author who has written a number of books highly critical of the Warren Commission. Set forth below is a summary of the data discussed by Weisberg and Pyne:

BACKGROUND OF WEISBERG:

Weisberg is the author of the book entitled "Whitewash-The Report of the Warren Report." This book is a vitriolic and diabolical criticism of the Warren Commission, the FBI, the Secret Service, police agencies and other branches of the United States Government. It contains inaccuracies, falsehoods and deliberate slanting of facts to fit Weisberg's purpose. Weisberg was one of ten employees fired summarily by the State Department during 1947 because of suspicion of being a communist or having communist sympathies. Later he was allowed to resign without prejudice but was not restored to his former position. Weisberg has been in contact with Soviet officials in this country and has entertained these officials at his farm at Hyattstown, Maryland, where Weisberg raises chickens.

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WEISBERG'S CURRENT ALLEGATIONS:

Weisberg alleged that there are a number of people in high positions in the U. S. Government who know the identity of the individuals who killed President Kennedy but are suppressing such information. He alleged that officials of the Warren Commission, FBI, CIA, and several other U. S. Government agencies are involved in this suppression of evidence.

Weisberg alleged that a Cuban refugee informed the Warren Commission shortly after the assassination that Leon Oswald and two Mexicans had visited her at her residence in Dallas on September 26 or 27, 1963. Weisberg claims the Warren Commission

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ignored this woman's information. The woman is Sylvia Odio, an anti-Cuban refugee. Odio's allegation was completely investigated and results disseminated by us to the Warren Commission. Odio is a mental case and Oswald was on a bus en route to Mexico when Odio claims she met Leon Oswald.

Weisberg claimed James Altgens, Associated Press photographer, took a picture at the time the Presidential motorcade was passing the front of the Texas School Book Depository just a second or two prior to the assassination. Weisberg claims this photograph discloses an individual who appeared to be Lee Harvey Oswald standing in the doorway of the Depository building. This is an old allegation made by Weisberg, Mark Lane, and others. The individual standing in the doorway of the Depository building is Billy N. Lovelady, an employee of the building. Lovelady has identified the picture in question as one of him. This has been corroborated by a number of Lovelady's fellow employees who were beside him at the time the picture was taken. Weisberg attempted to discredit Lovelady by pointing out Lovelady claimed to be wearing a different shirt on the day in question to that depicted in Altgen's photograph. Lovelady has since clarified this statement and has identified the shirt he was wearing in the doorway.

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Weisberg claims that just recently he received a call from an unidentified individual who told him Lee Harvey Oswald possessed a "Top Secret Crypto clearance" while in the Marine Corps. The allegation is absolutely false. Oswald never held such high security clearance. He did, of course, hold a clearance for certain classified data which was published in Marine training documents and the like.

Weisberg claims that Oswald was not a communist. He claims that Oswald's communist-like activities and defection to Russia were simply mechanics used by Oswald to conceal his true political feelings. Our investigation of course disclosed that Oswald was highly sympathetic to Russia and Marxism.

OBSERVATIONS:

It was obvious that Joe Pyne, host of the program, was completely unable or unwilling to recognize Weisberg's false statements. As a result, Weisberg had an excellent platform to expound his false allegations and continue his scurrilous attack upon the U. S. Government and its agencies.

ACTION:

For information. We have previously furnished data concerning Weisberg's scurrilous background to the White House and Attorney General.

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