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Mr. G. Robert Blakey
Special Committee on Assassinations
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Mr. Blakey:

Your Orwellian practise requires complaint and I do complain over your intrusions into my private life and work for which there can be neither a legislative mandate nor a proper legislative purpose.

Repeatedly under your guidance the committee has been suckered into diversions and irrelevancies by the FBI. This includes baiting you into making Oliver Patterson act as your informant because as an FBI informant he had associated with Jerry Ray, J. B. Stoner and others.

While Patterson was your informant he stole a letter I had written to Jerry Ray. At the direction of two of your so-called investigators, he read this letter to them and then gave them a xerox copy of it. Just before then he had come to my home - without telling me that he was your informant.

As you well know, those deficiencies of your committee that have come to light have been exposed by me. I am your critic, yours personally and the committee's, based only on a miserably dishonest record you and it have made for yourselves.

If there is any legislative right or purpose for you or your committee to have any official interest in me, please explain it to me.

Please also explain the defamation of me by which your committee was continued a year ago, a defamation by Congressman Gene Snyder the committee exploited while knowing full well that it was getting its life continued by an already proven fabrication. I refer to the Clifford Baird falsifications about a tape recording he had made clandestinely. He falsely represented that the FBI had sought to bribe him to kill Dr. King. Having the tape and knowing there is no such thing on it as this, the committee misused the scandal for its own continuation. Because I earlier had recognized Baird for the phony he is, I was defamed with complete immunity on the floor of the House in the committee's defrauding of the Congress and the people.

There also is the gross impropriety of some of your Keystone Kops - who have not met me and know nothing about me - alleging I am a "paranoid and senile old man." (For them and for you this is relatively good behavior.)

The stealing of my letter and having it in the committee's file is not the only such impropriety. You have also subpoenaed telephone records that include me. This is not for any rightful legislative purpose. It is part of another of your adventures in media management, carefully covered by your public pose of holding no press conferences. That is but a shabby device for hiding your many leaks - all of which have been dishonest and designed to create a climate of acceptance for your preconceptions, which will be presented as conclusions.

On August 7 you subpoenaed the phone records of your own informant, Oliver Patterson. On that very day and for you he was supposed to have given a false and defamatory story exclusively to the New York Times. It was arranged as one of your exclusives

to those scoop-happies who should have known better. Instead, Patterson turned your scheme around and exposed your effort to turn his already-certain exposure to a political advantage by lying to the Times.

However the committee learned of Patterson's coming exposure, a matter I am content to let await the future, there is no way you could have served a proper subpoena on the St. Louis phone company on August 7 if the subpoena had been in response to Patterson's public confession. I say "proper" subpoena because there is always the chance that your man in St. Louis, Conrad Baetz, could have had some blank subpoenas and merely filled one in.

Patterson's right to speak to me and mine to speak to him in private are not any of your business. There is no way these conversations can be related to either of the crimes you are supposed to be investigating and no way they can be related to the functioning of the executive agencies, which you most assuredly are not investigating and will not and dare not investigate.

(How could you bite the hand that feeds you? Your Ray hearings, not the same as a King assassination investigation, aside from fabrication, yielded nothing of substance that you had not obtained from the FBI. This is to say nothing that I had not already forced into the public domain by my C.A. 75-1996. Without the FBI and the National Enquirer and Mark Lane's incredible maladroitness and abdications, you are a total bankrupt. So you will not and dare not inquire into the FBI's performance and to now you have not except for the meaningless tinsel at your recent show trials styled as "hearings.")

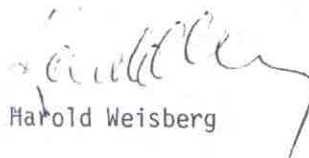
Your own self-investigation of Patterson's charges, the cheap alternative to a real investigation, disclosed to you this intrusion into my right to privacy in my correspondence with Jerry Ray. Yet you have been silent about this gross impropriety. You cannot have objected to it for you failed to apologize to me or even to acknowledge it when thereafter you wrote me about another matter (your personal suppression of what is within the public domain so it cannot be interpreted other than as you want it to be interpreted.)

Your subpoena for these phone records came after you knew that your informant was going to be exposed, after your staff lied to him about this, and neither is in pursuance of either a legislative mandate or any proper purpose for the Congress.

Proprieties clearly mean nothing to you. If Patterson's visit to me when he was your informant was innocent, as it could have been, there was no innocence when he reported it to the committee. There was no innocence when he first read my letter to your staff and then gave them a copy. There was no innocence when you were silent after your own self-investigation disclosed these matters to you once your Legal Unit counsel, James Wolf, questioned Patterson.

If there is any forthright and honest explanation you can make, I would like to have it.

Sincerely,


Harold Weisberg