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Dear Mr. Buckley,

Re: PA/CRM 1990, 1991

In today's mail my wife and I both have letters from you, both by the most remarkable of circumstances stamp dated five days ago (it is overnight mail usually) and both the identical form save for what you added to me after "your current request." (Are you suggesting we have careers of this?)

Aside from your semantics ("the records systems you designated," for all the world as though I know how you file), come off it, man.

Your Division has records on me going back to the 1930s. Of that era these include the job recommendations by then Division Chief Brian McMahan to Matthew McGuire; your authorization of payments to me when your Division borrowed me for about four months from the U.S. Senate; and probably the records relating to the selection of me from all of that committee's staff by the late Judge Henry Schweinhaut. Your records of that period should include my accreditation to testify on behalf of the Senate and with regard to its records, of which I was the custodian. I believe there is more but of this much I am pretty certain. That case was U.S. v. Mary Helen et al., federal district court, London, Ky., Judge H. Church Ford. I was also your expert on duce tecum subpoenas and participated in plea bargaining.

Then you tried to indict me, about 1940. That case, federal district court for the District of Columbia, is not listed under my name because you failed. It is U.S. v. David Mayne. (Perhaps David DuBois Mayne.) You have FBI records on this, too. These should include their efforts to coerce me into signing a false and incriminating statement on which I outwaited them. In the end they phoned my counsel, the late Edgar Furlington, of the Roberts law firm in the Transportation Building. My then associate was the late Gardner ("Pat") Jackson. (Mayne copped a plea, two charges, uttering and forging and false pretense. Leniency was sought for him by his principal, the late congressman Martin Dies, who gave his name to an infamous committee.)

You should also have records when George McNulty was Assistant A.G. At that time I had delivered to him film on a planned Nazi ~~Swiss~~ putsch in Chile that I arranged to have brought out of Chile in the diplomatic pouch. The CIA has come up with records on this but not with copies of those documents, which I want because of their historical significance. As the CIA's records show, after Mr. McNulty gave me the film I delivered it to the son of the late President F.D. Roosevelt, who used it in a fireside chat.

If this does not exhaust my relations with the Assistant A.G.s in charge of your Division I do hope it indicates to you that there are records you do not supply. And that they should exist.

Your Division did prosecute Alger Hiss. Now it happens that my wife worked for the same Senate committee he did. It also happens that your Division sent FBI agents to interview her. They came to our home when she was working away from home. So they spoke to me and then they spoke to her in Washington, where she then worked. I told them where.

I have never met Mr. Hiss. But are you really asking me to believe that in your records system there is no record of any of this?

You let that matter of the consultation ^{on the} of 6/10/66 National Archives memorandum hanging in air. Can you bring it down to earth and tell me why you have not supplied me with a copy of it? You wrote about it, saying nothing about why I do not have it.

Sincerely,

Harold Weisberg