

September 7, 1968

The Honorable Ramsey Clark
Attorney General
Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Clark:

The first paragraph of your letter in the September 6 issue of LIFE magazine is an excellent statement of a proper government policy. I wish I could believe it possible that violators "will be subject to stern disciplinary action". Neither you nor anyone else is about to tangle with the government's only indispensable man, J. Edgar Hoover.

Those things you say are not done are. You simply are not told about them. They have been done to me and to those friendly to me. They are not exceptional, they are normal.

Like all important officials, you must delegate and you must depend on subordinates for your knowledge. Need I recall to you how inadequately you were informed on the Clay Shaw matter?

Those who write in your name say what is not true, engage in propaganda rather than the reporting of fact and truth to concerned citizens and the press. I have written them, challenging them on truth, on fact. They do not respond to me but continue telling the same lies. This is a record you will have to live with, for it is done in your name, whether or not you are aware of it.

So it will be with your letter to LIFE. You will have to live with it, with the bracketing of its fine statements with your record - for the record of the FBI and the Department of Justice while you are Attorney General is your record.

Sincerely,

Harold Weisberg