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Dear Jeff,

Thanks for the Journal's use of your good piece. Wasn't able to write sooner. Too much preparation for court tomorrow

I wish the major papers would get interested in what the spooks are doing to the Freedom of Information Act. There is a fine story on just the misuses of the claim to need to protect sources and methods, the basis of their assault on the Act. There is no danger to them and their sources from the present Act. They just want to keep the dirty linen unwashed and not be afraid that after a while a door will open and there will be a big stink.

It is possible the Post will do something. I spoke to George Hardner last week.

If your people get interested I have many court records they can use and Jim probably has many more.

The effort to gut the Act, which seems to have a good chance, is aimed at the major papers, not people like me.

Ordinarily I don't care much about credit and as you know, did not ask you to credit me. But with the story used in Atlanta I'm sorry that paper <sup>cut</sup> ~~sent~~ that graf out. I'd like to be able to get to Atlanta and that mention might have interested a college in having me speak.

Thanks for thinking of it, though.

We enjoyed your visit. Hope you can do it again soon.

Our best,

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Mr. Harold Weisberg  
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Dear Harold:

Many thanks for the material which arrived in yesterday's mail.

I enclose a copy of the Atlanta Journal's reprint of the King story, which appeared in this morning's L.A. Times. In our paper, however, the story did not appear on Page 1. I guess Martin Luther King still is bigger news in the South than on the West Coast. Also, I specifically referred to your FOIA suit in the second graf, and I'm at a loss to explain why it is not in the Journal's version of the story.

Our copies of the Times won't be in the office mail for a few days. We'll send you a copy of the story when it appears.

Again, Harold, thank you for your splendid help. Keep me apprised of developments on your quest for more information on the FBI's probe of the King death. And give my best to Lil.

Sincerely, *Jeff*