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Mrs. Corliss Lamont
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Dear Helen,

If you remember the youngest (non-clerical) employee of the Senate Civil Liberties Committee, investigator and editor; the one who exploited being a bottle-neck and quit every time one of the more progressive-minded was fired to get him rehired; whose office when Bob was on the staff was under the southeast corner steps at the end of the hall from Bob's; the one with the hair like a violinist of the day; and the one who was finally fired because he was lobbying for an extension of the committee's life over FaPollette's objection (and with Pat Jackson staying drunk did it), I am he.

This migrant-farm investigation is the one I was not part of.

Instead I was the subject of a Martin Dies investigation, if you were not in Washington then, when I was investigating him for a book. It ended with me getting his fink indicted and Dies arranging a plea for the would-be entrapper, I think the only time an Un-American agent was ever convicted.

Ultimately, with this pre-McCarthy history and the McCarthy era, it became impossible for me to survive in the city.

But I still fight the same kinds of fights, still with what I think might be called some success. I've probably sued the FBI more than anyone else. Once I had to take a case to the Supreme Court where, in losing for the only time, I had a fairly large victory because the Senate cited that as the first of four cases requiring amending of the Freedom of Information Act. I've used this law more than anyone else. Two of three currently active cases are against the FBI and Justice Department. One of those about to be filed is against the CIA. The third of the current cases involves the CIA.

I'm still as brash in spirit and approach but less so in body. Not as much from age as phlebitis. This and the fact that my kind of work is not financially profitable limit my travel.

However, I will be in New York the week of the 14th. If it is not inconvenient for you and your husband I'd like to be able to talk to you.

Most but not all of my work has centered around the Warren Commission and the cover-up of the King assassination. It is my book, ~~From~~ From-Up and my subsequent investigation that has this case back in court. This work has really been an investigation of the investigation and from that of the investigators, especially the FBI and CIA. If not the largest then I must have one of the largest private collections of their once-secret reports and files. There must be 3,000 to 5,000 pages I've not yet had time to look at, with more than 1,500 more CIA pages coming. One aspect that might be of interest is that the FBI tried to hide from the Warren Commission and they never did give it the fact that Oswald used one of Mr. Lamont's pamphlets as the one on which he would put a fake return address that I was able to establish as that used by a CIA front, an anti-Castro one, the so-called Cuban Revolutionary Council.

One but not the only reason I would like to see you is because I want to make provision for the use of these enormous and I think unique files I have compiled over the years, to have them available for future use. This involves a world in which I have no experience and with which I have no contact.

If a visit is possible I would appreciate knowing as soon as you can let me know because my time in New York will be limited and I'm trying to schedule it now. I expect to get there some time beginning noon on the 14th. I'll stay as long as necessary but I'd like not to have to stay too long because I'm rushing a new book that is largely on ~~the~~ the FBI and because the following week I'll have to prepare for a hearing in an FBI suit the end of that week.

If you can ignore the necessary puffery, the flyers on my two most recent books will give you an idea of the kind of results that come from my investigations. (The whole thing is pretty Orwellian.)

Sincerely,

Harold Weisberg