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Dear Mr. Lamont,

Jim Lesar has sent me the Times story on your suit against Justice and CIA.

It seems possible that we may be able to help you with specifics on political, spurious and frivolous withholdings. Our experiences are extensive.

As it happens just before reading this clipping I'd written Jim a memo on precisely this in one of my cases. I read a Quinlan Shea affidavit in which in touting himself he actually boasts about ruling against those who make the initial withholding decisions in more than half the cases. And in most political cases he has no way of knowing whether or not anything is secret or published. I've some fine example of what he withheld. And he's the top one in Justice on this. I've just finished a long affidavit for use in another case going into this. I fill in the masked parts with each masked name and add those that exist in relevant other documents they withheld. Every time we force justice to cough up a little more they give us proof of awareness of still more withholding. To Shea's knowledge.

With regard to the CIA and my own records and the insanity of their withholdings and masking their record is incredible. I don't know if it can help you but I can take hundreds of pages they censored and fill in the names they hid~~ax~~ from my own files. I have the records with which they conned the Rockefeller Commission and the Church committee, neither anxious not to be conned. You thus have the Church committee hiding names well-known to people familiar with the field and not hidden in the FBI's companion records, which I also have. In correspondence with CIA over this within the past week I filled in the names of some of what they masked, saving the best for court. Meanwhile I have more of their records on me than they've acknowledged having or have given me as well as records relating to me that they denied me and gave others, without concern for my "privacy."

If Briggs is the one at CIA who withhold on you we have a pretty good record on him and expect to perfect it with interrogatories Jim is filing tomorrow. I have on Blake, chairman of their review committee, too.

The friend who was to have replaced my pictures in which you have an interest has not yet supplied them. I've paid him for this, he did tell me he had shot the negatives but no word since. I will, in time, get them. He is jobless and worried.

Good luck and best regards,

Harold Weisberg