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Dear Mr. Weisberg,

I hope the enclosed materials will be helpful or interesting to you. Often an interesting article will appear in a N.Y. paper, and I just assume that you may possibly have been unaware of it. The only reason I mailed everything registered is just to make sure you received them. You never can tell these days; (as you will know) how mail "just goes astray"

I just completed "Frome-up" ~~that~~ ^{which} you sent me. It's all I had hoped it would be - & more. It's quite difficult to use the word "enjoy" as you know in dealing with this subject. Also it's just as difficult to be dispassionate when personal freedoms & rights of individuals are so contemptuously violated (as we all know.) Only your unbending determination & strong will could have enabled you to endure the almost unbelievable political-obstacle-course - that by now, you are almost resigned to receive each time you seek the truth from "our gov't". If Frome-up isn't a tribute to one-man's perseverance against incredible odds, then death & taxes must also be on uncertainty. I would

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be interested in purchasing either "Post Matern,
or Post Matern II, or both (if still
available.) Please advise me of the prices
and I will send you a check as in the
past. You also mentioned a new book -
"Tiger to Ride". If it is completed & ready,
I would be interested too.

It must be gratifying even in a
small way - that ~~the~~ the unscrupulous
gang led by "Mitchell" - (at least so far),
have finally been hoisted by their own
petards" (so to speak.) Was Eardley
in any way caught up in the "Watergate
Cesspool"? Knowing now, what we do,
~~know~~ about these "people", it gave me
a great measure of satisfaction to be able
to almost gloat over their present predicaments.
I save my sympathy for those who deserve
it! I have none for these devious, &
treacherous individuals who cloaked themselves
for years in the "American Flag" & "National
Security". Your one-man battle against
these forces - in view of current events &
"INDICEMENTS" - only re-inforce what you had

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known for so long. Practically every top figure in the "justice" or should it read ("JUST-US") dept. that tried to block or prevent your inquiry have ultimately been involved in this current opening of Thirion's Pandora's Box! I regret that Ruckelshaus has managed to come up smelling like a rose in the "Saturday Night Massacre". (Although there ~~was~~ ^{is} more than one version of his role in this debacle!!)

Kleindienst took discretion as the better part of valor, of course when he left the battle early - with his resignation, when he saw the "band-unity on the wall"! Can't tell you how eagerly I await more indictments!! Is this sounds overly harsh - then it's exactly as I intended.

About mid-way through "Fame-up" took Huie's book out of the library. (It can be read in a little over 90 minutes, if you discount his plugs for "Mama's Story", and Playboy's philosophy of an communal intercome, ~~at~~ I did manage to learn how to build my own "Mexican cubicles" - each

"cozier than a telephone booth". I must admit until reading Mr Huie's descriptions, I had ~~not~~ ^{always} "stacked my cordwood" by leaving the ends closed! No wonder it wasn't working out! / O.K. (I think I've wasted enough space on Mr. Huie!) He was indeed a most "un-inquisitive" investigator (to be kind & put it mildly!)

I just to change the subject, for a minute, if I may, I did not read Oswald in New Orleans. (I believe you said it was out of print & cost about \$20 = a copy for you to print), but I would like to know your feelings about Jim Garrison. (I know you aided in helping do research for him during the Clay-Shaw business. I get the impression that his investigation was some kind of nightmarish fantasy. Many hard working people, I believe got caught up in this, and were falsely led by Garrison's grandiose style, (or whatever), in contributing to the mess that finally wound up ^{up} on a botched investigation. I, like, everyone else, at the time, was elated when I heard that a New Orleans

D.A. had evidence that would "crack the
 S.F.K. case wide open!" (Unfortunately it
 seems that the false hope Garrison
 provided ~~so~~ ^{so} many of us, ultimately
 turned the public "away" from the
 S.F.K. assassinations, did more
 to hurt (inadvertently, I'm sure.) than
 any other single factor. Garrison's
 antics turned the case essentially into a "circus"
 of sorts, and I was thoroughly disappointed
 at the outcome. I would certainly be
 interested in your first-hand knowledge, as
 the public is certainly confused over
 the entire "Garrison Affair" - if I can use
 that term (Dean Andrew's behaved as if
 he were the "King of all Court Jesters") - taking
 nothing in a serious vein - (even his
 own indictment?)? One - really confusing
 character was this Gordon Novel. Was he
 really a C.I.A. agent? (His lawyer I believe
 confirmed that Novel drafted a letter using
 terms such as Double-Check + D.I.A. which
 were mentioned in the "INVISIBLE Gov't" AS CIA
 Organs. Who knows anymore???

Would like to mention one other related event - If I can take up just a few more minutes of time;

During the recent Watergate Hearings, I recalled Mr. Finsterwall as McCord's attorney - in a most dramatic televised portion of the early hearings. Please excuse any serious error in fact - as I am trying to remember the basic gist of this scene. Any corrections will be most welcome. To start; I recall that McCord sent a letter to Sirica that started the ball rolling - claiming he was not properly represented by the Boston attorney he hired (for 25 G's I believe, from the firm of F. L. Bailey. This attorney's name was Gerald Alch - (S.C.) Why this event stands out in my memory is that Alch demanded to be heard ~~at~~ by the committee - ~~to~~ to either refute McCord's charges - or some kind of rebuttal, anyway. Alch appeared before the commission and it was obvious that he was quite "hot" over McCord's accusation. Alch mentioned also that McCord wanted F. Lee Bailey, but Bailey turned

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him down, consequently McCord settled for Alch. Anyway Alch claimed that McCord kept "holding back", all during the time he was a client of Alch's. He stated that everytime McCord had to make a critical or important decision, he begged off until he had a conference with his "mysterious friend Mr. Fensterwald." (Alch ultimately claimed that Mr. Fensterwald was secretly advising his client, or whatever - and when he (Alch) ~~so~~ finally confronted both McCord & Fensterwald with his suspicions - Mr. Alch said "at that point Mr. Fensterwald turned to Mr. McCord and said "What the hell - Jimmy - Let-it-all-hang-out." (And Mr. Alch repeated this statement for dramatic emphasis, I'm sure - because at that very utterance, the TV camera - if on - cut - passed to Mr. Fensterwald who appeared to be smirking either "cockily" or "defiantly". Well, for whatever this little play. It did - it certainly made Mr. Fensterwald at least appear as sinister as he had been

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performed by Mr. Alch. (I never ~~see~~ saw or heard anything further on this - but the visual effect of these moments left many people feeling that McCord & ~~the~~ Forstner had been less than above board with Mr. Alch at least.

Let me just add - THAT DESPITE THE ABOVE HISTRIONICS + FERVOR THAT MR. ALCH EXHIBITED, QUITE CONVINCINGLY - HE DID ~~say~~ MAKE ONE STATEMENT THAT HAD IT NOT BEEN SAID, WOULD HAVE CONVINCED ~~me~~ ME ~~of ALCH'S~~ THAT ALCH WAS EITHER USED OR DUPED, OR WAAGLED, BUT WHEN ALCH SAID "MR. MCCORD TOLD ME HE HAD A FRIEND" NAMED BERNARD FORSTNER WHO HAD LENT ~~me~~ HIM MONEY ETC:

ALL I CAN SAY TO MR. ALCH IS: HOW NAIVE ARE WE TO BELIEVE THAT HE \Rightarrow (MR. ALCH), WAS COMPLETELY UNAWARE OF THE FAMOUS NAME OF BERNARD FORSTNER IN LEGAL CAUSES. FOR MR. ALCH TO INSULT OUR INTELLIGENCE BY SAYING FORSTNER'S NAME MEANT ABSOLUTELY NOTHING TO HIM (IN ESSENCE), MAKES EVERYTHING ELSE HE SAID - TO BE A LITTLE CLOUDY, AT BEST. I WILL ADMIT

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THE CAMERA PENNING TO FOSTERWALD SMILING WAS NOTHING LESS THAN BRILLIANT, IF IT WAS ACCIDENTAL, OR NOT. IT CERTAINLY AIDED AUCH'S STAND. I'M SURE IN THE EYES OF AN UNSUSPECTING PUBLIC.

Knowing Mr Fosterwald's fine record & history for aiding the cause of civil liberties & all freedoms, suppressing ~~the~~ tactics, I must admit coming up a little confused - (once again).

I would appreciate any comments you may have to offer that might clear up the picture. Once again, thank you for your patience, I know you're extremely busy - and therefore I am doubly grateful for being allowed so much time. Thank you, once again,

Regards,

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P.S. would like to request - opening request for prices of

A) Kennedy Autopsy - 2 Books, + B) Tiger to Mike,

C) ANYTHING NEW? D) I HAVE ACCESS TO FOTO COPIES - SHOULD YOU NEED ANY COPIES MADE - DO NOT HESITATE - I WILL BE GLAD TO BE OF SERVICE.