

POST OFFICE DEPARTMENT
POSTAL INSPECTOR

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CASE NO.

December 20, 1968, Baltimore, Maryland

Mr. Harold Weisburg
RFD 8
Frederick, Maryland 21701

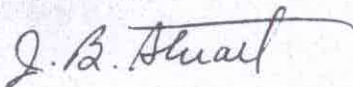
Dear Mr. Weisburg:

Attention has been given your case since our discussion of December 3, 1968, and the results of this investigation disclose that there is no cover on your mail either by the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the Central Intelligence Agency, or this Service.

Title 39, United States Code, Section 4057, which concerns opening first-class mail reads as follows, "Only an employee opening dead mail by authority of the Postmaster General, or a person holding a search warrant authorized by law may open any letter or parcel of the first-class which is in the custody of the Department". This law applies to everyone other than an employee opening dead mail who is authorized by the Postmaster General to do so.

This Service deeply regrets the mail delays which you have suffered.

Sincerely,



J. B. Stuart
Postal Inspector

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Dear Mr. Stuart,

As though to prove that your department specializes in incredibly poor service, it today delivered your letter dated December 20, to which no postmark was affixed.

I am not satisfied this explains those things neither you nor any other postal employee of any rank has ever addressed, nor that your letter does.

Isn't it not also remarkable that, coinciding with your inquiry, I received from the Washington Postmaster a package identified as having been found loose in the mails on the outside, with a slip on the inside saying that the contents could "not be associated with any empty envelope or wrapper now on hand. As the point of origin or intended destination is unknown, it is transmitted to you in accordance with the address found with the article."

Save for the last and entirely irrelevant statement, this is entirely false. First of all, there was an invoice with this part of a shipment to which you devoted the fine attention I have come to expect from your department. It clearly identifies the shipper as the Trover Shop. The invoice is addressed to me. The invoice lists contents you have yet to account for, a total of 65 books. You sent me 26 of these, of two different titles that agree with those two entries of the invoice. These are totally unsalable. In such cases, it would seem to me, particularly with the shipper local, you should have returned the uninsured shipment to him. What you have done to me here is consistent with what seems to be a special policy for me, cost me \$195.00.

However, if there is one guiltless party, I am he. Either the package was inadequately prepared for the postal service that has benefited from this long history and all the knowledge of modern science, in which Trover is at case fault, or your department was over-zealous at the very point of origin. The one party who should not be held accountable had his accountability arranged by you. I wish I could tell you I appreciate it. However, we now have reason to believe that there remains with you an additional 39 books to the unsalable return of which I can - and do - now look forward. You should be able to find them, if nowhere else, in those bins required to hold that mail you call as waste paper. I ask you to institute this search.

I will not be able to collect for this damage, for you will be immune and were I to take the time to sue Trover, it would cost more than I've lost.

It is a great comfort to live under a government so dedicated to the enjoyment of all their guaranteed freedoms by its citizens, one that goes so far above and beyond the constitutional requirements to render such intensely personal service of such high order. I wish I had the enormous sums this true

The Trover Shop
227 Pennsylvania A.E., S.E.
Washington 9, D.C.

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Return to: Harold Weisberg
Hyattstown, Maryland
20734

5	Copies	Whitewash	@	5.00
21	/	Whitewash II	@	5.00
39	/	Whitewash III	@	5.00

Michael Stannard