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Senator Charles McC. Mathias
U.S. Senate
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mac,

under Army, cover

Thanks for your letter of 6/29, enclosing a carbon of Deputy General Counsel Bland West's 6/24 to you and a copy of Boulanger's 6/22 to me. If I didn't send you a copy of my 6/27 response, a carbon is enclosed. Sorry.

If I do not call these lawyers liars, it is because I know they are dependant upon information supplied them. Boulanger's letter is entirely false. I have the proof in my possession that Powell went through channels and that he did file a report.

And, after more than half a year, I still do not have the information I need to exhaust my remedies under 5 U.S.C. 552. I'll not ask again. Instead, as soon as it is possible after reasonable time for response, I think I'll file a complaint, testing, for one thing, whether, when you fellows enact a law, the executive branch has to listen to you.

I guess they show what they think of mere Senators, of whom there are, after all, 100, when your inquiry ~~of~~ speeds them up to where they take only a half-year! And then are untruthful and unresponsive.

Thanks for the time you've taken, but don't waste any more. I'll undertake to give them their next chance in district court.

There is an incompleteness in The Pentagon Papers I'd like to tell you about some time, if we can ever find the same time free. You might also have some interest in what made the indictment of Garrison possible (a fantastic story, for I know the alleged bagman well), what I think the administration is up to and at what certain and what probable costs, as well as some of what ⁺ now have that was withheld from the Warren Commission. I do not suggest a free night at your home, for if you ever have one, your family needs that. But going to or coming from your farm, or on a day when you want to get away and haven't time to go there, bring your bathing suits, for us bankrupts do have the pool Theo Lichtenstein left. Much less than a half hour is sufficient for enough of this "new evidence" and we can talk as much or as little as you'd like. In von Hoffman's marvellous phrase, I think you'd like to have this possible reading on what the Mitchellists are up to and its possible relevance to what seems to await the Times and the Post.

Best to all,

Harold Weisberg