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Senator Charles McC. Mathias
Senate Office Bldg.
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mac,

Some months ago you promised to have the hearings and the reports of the Church committee sent to me.

When this did not happen I wrote several times, without answer.

I don't know what volumes of hearings have been printed but the news is full of accounts of reports filed and to be filed soon. These, as you know, deal with work I have been doing for more than a decade. They also deal with cases I have in court and expect to have filed soon. I really do need these volumes.

If they will not be sent I'd like to know. While it will be awkward for me to get them from the GPO, I'll have no choice because I do need them.

I have driven to Washington only once since being hospitalized with what turned out to be a heavy phlebitis last October. That one trip was too much. I've learned more about coexisting with this and can still work a very long day but I have not yet driven that far. I use public transportation, which is rather poor and with a very bad schedule.

Of most immediate interest is the King report. I have a current FOIA case on that. It has the Justice Department and the FBI pretty uptight. Their stonewalling is getting to the judge. I'd not be a bit surprised if they are ordered to prepare a Vaughn v Rosen type inventory. Perhaps even to put a staff to work to expedite this. With a now-admitted 203,500 documents that could be relevant to this suit (I've not asked for all or made any unreasonable requests) we've gotten relatively few pages and been soaked exorbitant search fees. Much of this has been masked without need or justification.

This unjustifiable masking exists on ^{some} these records the CIA turned over to your committee. I have obtained them from the CIA and can readily fill in many of the gaps in those pages I've read. The hidden information is readily available, from public sources.

If I have not already indicated it I have more than casual interest in what your committee has on the domestic operations, including mail and other surveillance, and on the publishing projects. I have proofs that I was among the victims, as I did not believe when you indicated it in the summer of 1965. I would like to be able to carry this forward in court where I think I'll be able to expand on what your committee was able to do.

Small a percentage of the relevant files I've received from DJ and FBI is, it tells a pretty grim story, of the deliberate framing of a fake solution to that terrible crime. This is why they are still resisting disclosure so strongly. Each of the few pieces of paper I get represents a hard struggle. If I did what they do they'd file perjury charges against me. However, I have about two-thirds of a new book in draft form. We have a fourth status call the 18th. I'd like to have at least a notion of what is in your report before then if possible. It can permit specifying continued withholding.

Our best to Ann and the boys.

Sincerely, Harold Weisberg