

Senator Charles McC. Mathias  
U.S. Senate  
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Dear Mac,

You have not heard from me for a long time because I've had serious health problems, arterial blockages. Surgery on two of them was successful but there were complications that resulted in two additional emergency operations. The last one was a close call. I have only limited use of the left leg and foot now. I was in Washington Thursday for the first time in well over a year, except for trips to the hospital. My purpose then was a press conference at which I disclosed a 113-page affidavit with its 82 attachments in an FOIA case, the oldest of all, the one over which the investigatory files exemption was amended in 1974. I have given the court proof of perjury, the destruction of evidence in the JFK assassination investigation, the deliberate avoidance of significant evidence, misrepresentation of it and of the withholding of the results of tests that were made. Even of the deliberate, knowing phoneying up of evidence. Almost all of this was from once-secret FBI records and from the deposing of five special agents and retired special agents.

I have asked the court to consider a perjury charge and provided what I regard as entirely irrefutable proofs of it and to order that the tests the results of which were destroyed be done again, this time in the presence of the press because the processes are entirely non-secret.

In short, the FBI knew it was foisting off a "solution" to that most subversive of crimes that it knew was false. And this, I think, accounts for repetitious perjury.

If you would like one of your staff to go over this evidence, I can provide copies. I think it is a serious matter. In my extensive experience the major costs of FOIA are created by the agencies, not uncommonly with false swearing and misrepresentations some of which are perjurious.

The Post was not at the press conference because its expert was on another story. AP did cover it but I've not seen its story. If you would like independent assessments of the evidence I produced I can refer you to other reporters and college professors who are familiar with the subject matter and have read this new evidence.

If those who processed the record had been subject-matter experts I'm confident that much of what I've received would have been withheld. With regard to the defamatory files on Lil and me, once my appeals disclosed that they ranged from gross distortions to overt fabrications, the FBI merely refused to provide anything else or respond to the appeals. Some of the records I've received indicate that they did not deal with you honestly. This does not make you unique!

Please remember us to Ann and the boys.

Best Wishes,  
Harold Weisberg

