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Congressman Paul McClockey, Jr.
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congressman,

Thanks you for the copy of your book and your letter of the 10th.

You say "If I can be of any personal assistance to you in obtaining information from the government, I would be glad to try."

I appreciate this offer. However, you should understand that it involves a political shibboleth, political assassinations. Most people in political life prefer to avoid this. Even the Black Caucus remained completely silent after I gave each a copy of my expose of the King assassination, titled FRAME-UP. Congressman Conyers was to have distributed the copies I could supply. I discussed selection of others with his then AA, and I am reasonably confident we agreed that you also should get a copy. The enclosed reviews give you a notion of its contents as well as of its demise. "Mac" Mathias, a personal friend, inserted the Saturday Review review in the Record, but no Senator had a word to say, a question to ask. While I filed against Justice for the confiscated record of the extradition hearing, even when I got a summary judgement against Justice, silence, in the press and in the Congress.

I have, at least for the time being, laid some of these cases aside because of the potential for hurt for Senator Kennedy, whose friends are busily engaged in eliminating his need of enemies. There are others I would like to press. In the last case I had to be my own lawyer. Not only did this tax me, but because I am not a lawyer, I feared the risk of establishing an adverse precedent. At the same time, although it also was completely unreported, I was able to use this means of making an historical record, one that can help for the future only. At the moment, when it is possible, I am considering filing two more cases, one against the Army and one against GSA. I would welcome an opportunity to discuss these with you or the member of your staff who handles such matters.

And if you do not fear the subject of political assassinations, I would be happy to spend such time as you might find in answering any questions you may have that I can answer. All the official records and actions are at best untrustworthy, and the three-monkeys approach of the intellectuals is almost certain to victimize those the protection of whom is intended. There is no doubt in my mind that, except for such work as mine, which is largely unknown and close to commercially unpublishable, Mr. Warren will bear J. Edgar Hoover's cross through all of history. Mr. Warren is less than helpful in making speeches asking for "new evidence" (as though there were something wrong with the "old" and ignored and misrepresented) while simultaneously guaranteeing that there is no possible way for any of it to reach him. I do have official evidence that was withheld from him, thus the "new" evidence pretentendly needed. It utterly destroys the Report bearing his name. If you would care to see it in confidence, I'll be happy to bring it to you.

Sincerely,

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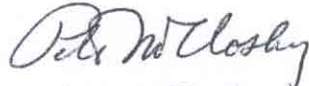
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Dear Mr. Weisberg:

I appreciated your thoughtful letter of March 8th, and am taking the liberty of enclosing a book I hope you will enjoy.

If I can be of any personal assistance to you in obtaining information from the government, I would be glad to try.

Best regards,



Paul N. McCloskey, Jr.

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Enclosure