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He started the first naming, HW

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Mr. George Cunningham, A.A.
Senator George McGovern
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Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear George,

Please don't feel, especially with the pressures of a campaign, that when I write you are expected to respond personally. I would appreciate a note from an secretary saying you have received what I sent, but even this is not necessary.

Between my writing you and today's receipt of your note of the 2nd, a large file I had loaned to a young woman in the futile hope she would, as she promised, card index it, was returned to me. Your note refers to Jay Lovestone. These four large envelopes of files included part of what I have on Radio Free Cuba and the so-called Committee for Free Cuba, both CIA fronts, the second a subsidiary of the first. Because Hunt and the Bennett agency were involved in working for the CIA with Radio Free Cuba, a public Bennett admission, I opened this file of those returned. This, of course, is a small part of what is behind the infamous bugging adventure. Anyway, because of this I looked at that file and lo! there is the letterhead, a letter, and some notes added ~~to~~ by whomever sent this to me, I presume in reaction to one of my books which refers to Radio Free Cuba and the committee as CIA fronts. What was sent me was on legal-size paper. I have none for my copying machine. So, I have copied it in two parts, the second adding a clipping in that file from the Wash. Daily News.

Some, if not most of these people, I have no doubt, had no knowledge they were connected with a clandestine intelligence operations. I do not for a minute ^{think} this this was or could have been true of Lovestone's associate, Serafino Romualdi, to whom I also referred. As "Executive Director of the American Institute for Free Labor Development" he is listed on the advisory board. I have referred to other of Mr. Heany's similar projects and some of the personnel on his payroll and involved in them.

The story does not give the CIA funding. Other files I have and recall give this in some cases as \$1,000,000 and if I recall correctly what I published without any protest, \$500,000 in a single year to Mrs. Arensberg or admitted by her.

If only indirectly, Mr. Heany is thus connected with The Watergate Caper. Mr. Edward Bennett Williams is ~~not~~ a stranger to me. I immediately offered him access to my files should they interest him or Mr. Califano. His reply was he would have to wait and see if they get to discovery.

If it become possible for you to initiate something downward through the political chain of command to the Frederick McGovern group, what this woman in New York was supposed to have done and didn't right at some time serve a useful purpose. This group of files was on CIA fronts and foundations. A card file of the names mentioned might at some point be of value to others, not only me. Any reasonable intelligent student can do it. I would be willing to give this file to students with the time in other places to do this, but I'd prefer not to let it get as far away as New York again because it took me almost a year to retrieve it. I do have other things that might well be included, such as Dan Kurzman's stories on Lovestone in the Washington Post before they decided he should be employed elsewhere, a New York Times series, I think by Tom Wicker, and quite likely other things, particularly the Heany-Lovestone-Guyana operation.

Hastily, Harold Weisberg

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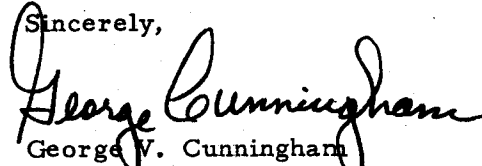
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Dear Harold:

Thank you for your recent letter. We appreciated having the information on Jay Lovestone. It will be very helpful.

Many thanks.

Sincerely,



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