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Mr. George Cunningham, Adm. Ass't.
 Senator George McGovern
 Senate Office Bldg.
 Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Cunningham,

George Meany's attitude toward the Senator has received much attention in the news, I presume accurately. In this event, it may present a problem that someone may want to address. If I would not presume to forecast anyone else's course of action, it does not seem impossible that this attitude and its influence in the election may have to be fought. To offer a suggestion on this is one of the two reasons for which I write.

Regardless of the Senator's Taft-Hartley vote, I think there are other reasons for Meany's dislike for Senator McGovern. It is his and his organization's connection with the CIA and the Senator's proposal for an investigation of the CIA. Shortly after news of the Senator's proposal was published, I went to your office to speak to someone about it and the assassination of President Kennedy. As soon as I mentioned the second subject, I got no farther, a not unique experience.

I have personal knowledge of this that is not extensive and second-hand knowledge that is extensive. I persuaded the son of a friend to change the concept of his doctoral thesis and introduced him to a number of good sources on this, including one of Meany's operatives, the one who supervised the Latin American part, the late Seraphino Roumaldi. I knew of others, by name. I was in the O.S.S. and I had labor connections preceeding that, dating to my work for the Senate Education and Labor Committee beginning in the mid 30s. They were helpful with this thesis. I also knew reporters who had and provided information.

The Meany attitude preceeds to joining of the AFL and CIA. In those days similar work at the AFL was under the late Mathew Wold. Some of my files in dead storage might be productive on this in the remote event it would be of interest. So, I suggest that fear of a McGovern Presidency does not rest on his voting record but is in spite of it.

There must have been other occasions of which I do not know, but I know of at least one occasion of which the Senator was asked what he would do about the JFK assassination if he becomes President. I followed him on that campus. This is a subject on which I would urge caution. I think I have done more work in the field than anyone else. There are pitfalls, possibilities for innocent irresponsibilities. If you would like to go into this, I will find the time. Usually the question asked has to do with the unlocking of the Archives. There has been extensive, misinformed comment on the "unlocking" of the Archives, for all the world as though all missing information is secretly staged there. It is not. There are secrets that should not be kept secret. I have a goodly supply if not all. But there are also many things that should be kept secret and in too many cases have not been, such as irrelevant and intimate details of person/lives, ranging from Marina Oswald's pregnancy to homosexuality. Especially because I think there is no chance of avoiding the question do I think you or someone other than the member of the Senator's staff who has a preconceived conclusion should inform himself. I think you know enough about my work to know that I can help. I do have some of these "secrets". And I regret to say that I have reason to anticipate a potentially evil development involving them in the near future.

Sincerely,