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Dear Senator Ervin,

It is not my purpose to flood you, and neither of us has time for extensive correspondence. However, your yesterday's testimony includes one of the things in which I was involved and of which I wrote you earlier.

I enclose my correspondence with the University of Minnesota on it.

If my name appears in what was presented to you, I would like to know it, for I do believe that were someone to file a claim against the Army and the agent(s), it might, in the future, have a chilling effect on those called upon to interfere with the rights of others and commit such serious offenses against any concept of a free society.

Other clues are the marathon appearance on Radio Station WLOL the day before my speech (mid-May, 1968), a noon speech before the Student Union and a Braniff flight to Kansas City about 6 or 7 p.m. the day of my speech. Any or all of these could involve expense accounts. The two men I know were shadowing me spent a long, cold and dreary day in a remote area of St. Paul while I was broadcasting and at a time of a severe storm that began with a tornado alert.

Sincerely,

Harold Weisberg

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Mr. Eugene Eidenberg  
Vice President, Administration  
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Dear Mr. Eidenberg,

Your letter of the 23rd arrived when I was off on a trip from which I returned this week. I thank you for it, the enclosed statement, and your and President Moos' testimony yesterday before Senator Ervin Committee.

Given the willingness of your police to cooperate, and I do not suggest this need be the case, there is no doubt they can be more informative to you than they have been. Let us assume that they were not responsible for the surveillance and the interception of and damage to my property. They can reasonably be expected to have known what was going on and to have cooperated with it without themselves being part of it.

I believe they can tell you who did it, not only the agency but the agents.

My purposes are not to annoy you or the university but to be in a position to take the kind of steps that may help discourage such things in the future. Unlike others who have been the victims of such intrusions into personal freedoms and constitutional rights, I did sustain monetary damages and I can seek to recover them.

It is my hope that you will shake your police up enough to produce sufficient evidence for me to make formal claim in the courts, against the agents and the agency. While I do not for a minute think this will discourage the dedicated wrong of the Army, I do feel that were agents doing such reprehensible things to be held personally responsible for them, there might be an unwillingness, in the future, to repeat them.

Should you desire confirmation of the fact of what I have reported to you, it can be provided by those still at the University and by your own faculty representative on the Student Union. If your University radio station preserved its tape, it is in the speech I made, for the presence of agents at the meeting was discovered by a student or students who reported it, in my presence, to the faculty representative.

And my topic was "The Integrity of Our Society"!

Sincerely,

Harold Weisberg