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Dear Ford,

Daily the doings of the House assassinations committee reminds me more and more of the occasion of our meeting in New Orleans and what for me was the subsequent pain.

This may not be as apparent to a reporter whose interest is measured in news values.

There was a legitimate story in the Trafficante appearance. But I saw none that asked if the committee was reinvestigating plots against Castro or the relevance of the hood in any JFK inquiry. There can be none. But it helps propagandize a new life for those who have done nothing in six months.

You should remember these glittering moments from Garrison, including the superficial appearance of reasonableness - sometimes.

The one thing I can say for them is that they eliminated all competition in the work I was doing in New Orleans. I am still pursuing it, if quietly.

The real reason I write relates to your close, after Trafficante. You said that just that day, under FOIA, you had received some information from the CIA that as I understood you relates to the Trafficante aspect.

There is nothing the CIA can have in any way relating to the JFK assassination that is not covered by my requests of it under both FOIA and PA. But I received nothing that you could have been referring to. They stonewall me more than others, as does the FBI, because I espouse no idle theories and have a subject knowledge others do not have.

I'd appreciate copies of what you were provided, as in the past I have also provided copies to NBC. If this is asking too much I'd like a description of what was given to you or its Document Numbers so I can try again to keep the spooks straight.

They also do not like me in court. I'm now engaged in what may be a precedent testing of the exemption to which they have all switched after what I have established in earlier litigation. Frankly, the Act means more to me than any documents I may obtain under it. You may not recall but one of my suits was the first of four cited in the Senate as requiring the broadening 1974 amendments. However, I still want the records, now more for the archive I will leave than for my own writing. The writing is impeded by this FOIA work.

If you still have an interest in the CIA's mind-bending they have somehow found more records relating to it. I am to get close to 400 pages and I understand that although they have not so told me they have found more for John Marks.

Thanks and best wishes,

Harold Weisberg