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Mary, Paul, Gary, Dick,

Before speaking to Howard about it when he was here, off the top of my head I asked you about letting me have copies of your government correspondence, Archives and agencies, for possible use in court and for inclusion in the index of mine, do to date, so that at one point we would have a record of every request and each response (and non-response).

When I spoke to Howard about it, he agreed it was a worthwhile project and to do this extra work, at his home.

There are problems, including that of cost where in some cases the correspondence might be extensive. However, I leave this up to you, as I would to mark as confidential that you would not want to be used in public. It would be my plan to have the correspondence all bound together, chronologically, with the index serving as a guide to us, and to be able to retrieve whatever might be of value in court through the index, possibly, depending on when any hearing might be held, used by Howard, who will be my research assistant in court if before college opens.

I anticipate some of these may be precedent cases, not only on our subject, but also for the Freedom of Information law. In both areas I think it important, and if any one letter would help, I think it should be available. One of the legal needs will be to establish federal untruthfulness. To a rather great surprising degree, my files alone do this.

If your files are too extensive to permit this but you agree in part, then the order in which the subjects now seem likely to be needed are, in terms of my own concepts of the suits:

Ferris documents, which includes anything relating to the withheld and available Ferris documents (I have Jim's reconstituted index of 75) and with the Ferris-Ostald direct and indirect relationship (i.e., Quiroga could be an indirect relationship) and relating to whether or not such documents are withheld for the purpose of protecting the innocent, etc. I have included in the complaint, subject to Bud's agreement, 544 Camp and the hiding of stuff from the WC by the FBI.

The next one will be the spectrographic analysis, including what it can and cannot show, why it was never given the Commission, the utter meaningless of the paraphrases and testimony, the real reason for withholding, what has to be true for the official account to be credible and whether or not, as with Ferris, this can properly be called an investigatory file. In both cases, the waiving of any provisions of the law by use, which is a factor especially with the spectro.

Next, anything medical or autopsy, including the panels, for this will be my suit for the panel raw materials and I anticipate it will be the most important. This is the next complaint I'll draft. And separately, anything relating to the President's clothing and the pictures of the clothing, where I may file a suit against Arch and the estate for shirt pictures withheld from me with Marshall's agreement. I have gotten the one I asked for from Justice, which would seem to eliminate any legitimate reason for Arch's withholding. DJ gave this when I filed DJ-118 and the reason for withholding is that it supports not the official fiction but what I've been writing some of you about it. However, in going over my pictures and one of his, Howard and I think we see more....also, any thoughts?

Sincerely,  
Harold Weisberg