

Dear Howard,

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While Jim and I had little time to discuss it, he is in accord with my idea of suing for money damages in FOIA denials and I think, without having made a word-by-word comparison, being given spurious copies. This relates to autopsy-medical and contract/memo transfer in particular.

He would need help. I told him I did not know your situation and asked could he use a law student as of counsel. He said he is more than willing and based on precedent in divorce and similar cases, thinks it may be possible.

He would even be willing for you to draft the complaint. Willing? He'd prefer it.

Some years ago the Administrative Conference of the U.S. held forth ways in which there could be such suits. I have that. I think it is a tort, too.

C I guess the first thing is can you and if so are you interested. If yes then I'd suggest that you ask some of your law professors for precedent for a law student to be of counsel, on the brief - everything, I'd hope short of arguing in court or doing what requires a license. I'd like this very much, for you to be a lawyer before graduation, and for other reasons. I know I speak for Jim because the first thing he said is he though you could be on briefs or things like that.

O He also said he might want to use you as an expert witness.

P With what you know on these specifics and what we can put together from other suits - do you realize that the until-now secret papers actually say of the intent of the GSA-family letter of agreement what I said to Wesall and they actually denied, with Rhoads under oath? Then we have the interception and denial of the memo of transfer after the agency of paramount interest gave it to me, the history on the executive session transcripts, the incomplete providing of the memo and of the wrong copy, refusing to confirm - claiming national security on- the Nosenko transcript to me and then later, when Szulc and the New Republic were ripping my work off, confirming he is the subject of that transcript, and so much that we can put together. It can make for a new dimension is what I think is a time of need.

As I reminded Jim, you and he are my executors.

Y I believe your own interest comes first. But I also believe that this serves it.

I take it your new apartment represents a step upward. Hope so and that it is more comfortable, more convenient, making for a better life.

Best,