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Senator Charles Mathias
Senate Office Bldg.
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mac,

Thanks for your letter of the 18. But again I remind you that it is not necessary for you are Sid to waste time on us with formalities. I had a note from him several days ago.

I haven't begin to send you what I've felt called upon to do about this, just enough to alert you and communicate my continuing fears. Unless there is a change in what has already been rigged, it will be worse for everyone, especially Teddy, who has such friends enemies are wasted upon him.

I know Marshall is a friend of yours. You do not know and he cannot have told you what he has done, into whose hands he has committed his honor and that of his clients and, need I say again, that of the country? He has to be insane to have even considered not only what he has done but what he has agreed to do. I am annoying him with unwelcome letters and a list of question that, if unanswered, I'll feel free to publish.

I understand the Phila. Inquirer has done something on the other side. I've not seen it but I've asked that a copy be sent you. The author of the letter is a brilliant young student we know well and like.

This made necessary a review of my file on Lattimer and the obtaining of what I did not have. It is incredible. He uses the jargon, cliches and what for them passes as the reasoning of the extreme of the right, there is one case I have of overt and typical anti-semitism, and Civil-Rights/Kennedy counsel Marshall picks him? In open violation of the contract Marshall signed? All of this will make more ruinous to Teddy what will, I think, be inevitable if any respectable pathologist is granted access now, most of all Wecht, who is of unimpeachable credentials.

Right now it serves Teddy's interest more than mine for the completed book to be printed, something not possible commercially (certainly not in time if there are the developments I fear), and I can't go further into debt to do it. I had hoped that a young man, concerned and of wealth, would do it, but he went off on a get-Kennedy kick of which I would not be part. Were it not for this, the book would have been printed.

If you would be a friend of Teddy's or Warren's, I hope you will find as little as 15 minutes the first time you are here. I'll put enough in your hand, most if not all never seen by Warren, to eliminate any doubts. I ask only preservation of confidence, that if you talk to either you give your own version without identification of my sources.

Thanks for the interest and the initial effort. If Marshall ever tells you why he broke his word, even if I must keep it secret, I'd like to know. I do keep secrets, those of many.

Sincerely,

Harold Weisberg