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Mr. John T. Nelson
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New Orleans, La.

Dear Mr. Nelson,

The Times-Picayune's 11/15 story quoting you interested me much. I clipped it for two reasons: my agreement with what you are quoted as saying, something I may some day use in my own writing, and my never-realized intention of looking you up when I was working in New Orleans. Together with the story in this morning's Washington Post on the putsch in OEO legal, these impel this letter.

I have worked intensively in recent years on the subject of political assassinations. I've written more than the other serious writers in the field combined and conducted my own, independent investigations in New Orleans. It is the appearance of your name in an FBI report I have that interested me initially.

However, this work has led me to documented evidence on some of Toledano's political cronies so solid that were it relevant it could be introduced into court evidence. They are the most extreme of the extreme right, racist (I have samples of the literature of one), close to Billy James Hargis and General Walker, inferences of CIA connection in one case, one (and we cannot use this) an FBI informant - quite a story. One is connected with a group that intruded itself in a ghoulish manner in the Robert Kennedy assassination, to lay a false "red" trail (its people having done exactly the same with the JFK assassination - and here I have the FBI reports never published by the Warren Commission). These are the crew honored for their labor on behalf of Nixon and Agnew. I have the clips from your papers.

I do not know if you people intend to fight this business. If you want to and what I have can help you, it is yours.

Should you phone me, there is more than the general interest in me because of the nature and vigor of my writing and the kind of investigation I have been making. I have been suing the government, including the Department of Justice and the FBI, for suppressed evidence I regard as public information (and won the first suit). So, I regard mine as a rather public phone, as, aside from general assumption, reaction to what is said on it does seem to warrant. I have no reluctance in using it and speaking freely, but I feel it only prudent, in the event you might call me, to convey this belief.

I am not a lawyer, but there is one of that group against whom I think I have a solid action. I've never filed it because I could never afford a lawyer. I think pre-trial depositions and interrogatories, which I always planned were I able to enter the action, would be fascinating. This man perjured himself before the Warren Commission and I have the documentary proof of it. I have little doubt he'd duplicate his perjury. What better reason for the Nixon-Agnew people honoring him for his stalwart labors on their behalf? Or Toledano, when he has used Cuban-refugee money to print racist literature, which I have?

In any event, good luck. =

Sincerely,

Harold Weisberg