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Dear Mrs. Porter,

It has been some time since you received the form privacy release so that I may try to get Lee's tax records for you. If you have changed your mind, that is your affair, but if you have I think you should let me know. If you haven't, we should proceed because the prospects diminish with the passing of more time.

The Reagan administration has launched a major attack on the Freedom of Information Act and it has much support in the Congress. The newest claims are that the Act interferes with criminal and intelligence investigations. While this is not true, it has been widely accepted. There appears to be a likelihood that at the least the Act will be made less effective. Meanwhile, official stonewallings have increased and getting any records grows more difficult and costly daily.

I also am not able to do as much. I am now 68 and I've had three major operations in the last year. I am quite limited in what I can now do. This includes writing. I do plan further writing but the first book I will do has nothing at all to do with the JFK assassination.

My lawyer, who is independent, has been ruined by the costs of handling all these cases without fee. He has been forced to accept part-time employment to be able to continue. There thus is a practical limit to what I can ask him to do when I cannot pay him.

However, he continues to handle those we regard as the more important matters. Lee's tax records certainly are important, whatever they show.

If you are troubled or if you have any questions, do not be reticent. I know you have had bad experiences and I've tried to show you that I am being entirely open and provided you with copies of everything.

Best wishes,

Harold Weisberg