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Dear Paul,

You ask about Bud and I respond frankly: I have little hope for his work and believe he has so handicapped himself he cannot succeed. I have no doubt about his intentions or his seriousness and I like him personally.

I refused to join his group, but I did tell him I'd help in any way I could with the stipulation that anything I told him was to be kept confidential and most particularly was to be kept from Bill Turner, for whom I have a very low regard. I did cooperate, telling him everything I thought I could. I now find he has told something that I especially wanted to keep close to Turner in the presence of a number of other people. I had written and official proof of the destruction of some of the Commission's evidence. Since learning this I have told him nothing.

So, while it is true that I have been working with him, it is also true that I am not and never have been affiliated in any way with his group. In my opinion, there is not one on his boss who has or will do anything significant or is capable of it. I regard many of them as entirely undependable and irresponsible. He does not; but he doesn't know what I do and is not influenced by what I am.

If and when you are in DC, we are but an hour away. If you'd like, we have simple accommodations or there is a modern Holiday Inn five minutes away. Bring your swim suit. We do have a pool. I hope it is soon for there are things I'd like you to have the time to see, and there are a few things I'd like to be able to discuss with you.

Sincerely,

Harold Weisberg

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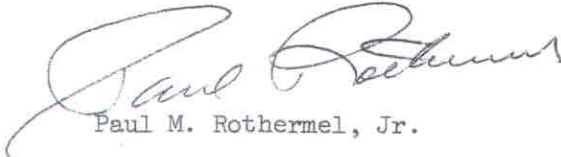
Dear Harold:

I will look forward to seeing you in the Washington, D. C. area on my next trip up there.

I have been so terribly busy, I haven't had time to do anything other than take care of the emergencies as they arrive.

I had a visit from Mr. Fensterwald, and I was neither impressed nor disappointed in him. My only difficulty is sizing him up, as to whether his work is important enough for me to divulge some confidential information to him. He has your name of people working with him.

Very truly yours,



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