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Senator Richard Schweiker
U.S. Senate
Wash., D.C. 20510

Dear Dick,

Troy Gustavson sent me the notice of your today's briefing. Because I can't be there I've asked Jim Lesar, who represents me in FOIA matter, to attend and tape it for me. I am anxious to know how it went and what questions were asked.

I do hope the report is well received. While I anticipate that those who have abdicated all these years will cavil, I do expect that you will be responsible for some forward motion.

In any event we are all in your debt for your willingness and political courage. You have my thanks and appreciation.

WAVA carried a short item this morning at about 5. I like that Cuban formulation better. It is closer to mine of 1965. From this I presume your own thinking and understanding have advanced.

There is personal gratification for me in a few words in your notice. They are virtually word-for-word the formula I used when asked for a position paper by some House people a year ago and when, long before the appointment of your subcommittee, one of your colleagues and his newsmen asked me to discuss this with them.

Perhaps this marks a respite for you and some of your staff. If it does and you have an afternoon when you'd like to relax and cool off not too far from your office, we have a 40foot pool and there is much I'd like to be able to discuss with you and them. I do have three cases in court under FOIA and soon will have a number more. I've delayed the new ones not to interfere even by indirection in your efforts.

You may recall my interest in the files on me. I'm also curious about what distortions may be in them because I know the actualities of my "past." Other requests range from the records of a planned putsch I gave the FBI in 1939 or 1940 to the FRING file on Oswald. My interest in what you call the Cuban connection and I think of otherwise has not diminished with the years.

Scott Malone says you will not end your work with the report. I hope this is true! Good luck.

Sincerely,

Harold Weisberg

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MEMO TO EDITORS AND CORRESPONDENTS:

The Senate Select Intelligence Committee's report on the performance of the intelligence agencies in investigating the assassination of President Kennedy for the Warren Commission will be publicly released in Washington Wednesday, June 23. A press briefing, closed to the general public, will be held in Room 1318 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building at 1 p.m. Copies of the report, strictly embargoed until 6 p.m. Wednesday, will be made available by the Select Committee to accredited reporters prior to the briefing.

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