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10/26/75

Mr. Robert Goff, FOIA/PA Officer
UTS. Secret Service
Office of the Director
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Goff,

The Eisenhower Library has provided me with a copy of a memo signed by Homer H. Gruenther with an approximate date of 9/21/69 indicated as "approximate." Pretty clearly this is a retyped copy of something else. Aside from this dating it is called "Memo for Record."

In the upper right-hand corner, with out names underscored, it has: Mr. and Mrs. Harold Weisberg, Coq d'Or Farm, Hyattstown, Maryland.

The content, in capitals and without punctuation, is "PROTECTIVE RESEARCH HAVE EXTENSIVE FILE ON THESE PEOPLE."

Exactly what I have been telling you.

Now will you please stop searching only wrong files and search the right ones?

The coincidence between this date and the re-election reminds me. You should have records of my clearance to deliver some rare ducks the President wanted for his farm and what should have caused a flap, the total lack of security there, beginning with a wide-open gate.

You should also find more records, now that my mind is jogged, relating to the helicopter detail. Some of them involved a Major Doster, other the Naval Aide whose name I recall as Taswell Sheppard. This will include but are not limited to the fabrication that I planned to shoot a chopper down. Now don't try and tell me this was not reported to the Secret Service.

Evasive and non-responsive lawyer's letters not based on personal knowledge will accomplish only more embarrassment for the Secret Service in the long run. So why do you not, please, do as you are required to do by both FOIA and PA and have a real search made?

You have not yet responded to my informing you that long ago the CIA sent you records on me for your release. I have not received them from the CIA. In practise this means that if by some chance you did not find your original records you do have what the CIA sent you. I am requesting it and all relevant correspondence and searches, memos or records of any kind.

Sincerely,

Harold Weisberg

10/26/76

Mr. John E. Wickham, Director
Dwight D. Eisenhower Library
Abilene, Kansas 67410

Dear Mr. Wickman,

Thank you very much for your letter of the 18th and the enclosure.

The enclosure seems not to be an original. I would appreciate a copy of the original if this is true.

Your letter refers to a search of the Central Files only. I would appreciate a further search because there are more records. Perhaps I can be helpful in this.

There are letters from the President and his secretary, Mrs. McCaffrey, having to do with his reading of some of my wife's prize-winning recipes and the rare ducks he obtained from me for the farm.

I can date the letter from an incident. The President was so delighted with these ducks that during the San Francisco convention he directed Mr. West to stop off at our farm at Hattstown and express both his pleasure and his promise to write us as soon as he returned from that convention. The letter followed immediately upon this.

My wife was the national chicken cooking champion. I was the national barbecue "king." It is either or both of these kinds of recipes about which Mrs. McCaffrey wrote for the President after he read them. He was quite a cook, as you probably know.

My wife and I were invited to go to the White House in 1960, to be photographed with the President. That we declined had nothing to do with him. We could not support his running mate. This invitation was through the so-called "egg-heads" committee. I believe but I am not sure that it also involved the late Robert Humphreys and his wife Grace, both of whom we know. My wife and Mrs. Humphreys were friends from their days of working on Capitol Hill.

Our farming was ruined by low-flying military helicopters, some those of the White House. When he moved from it we mislaid the originals of these letters.

There was a time when Mrs. Eisenhower was the guest of honor at a party given by Mrs. John Foster Dulles. Mrs. Eisenhower was so please with our chickens she went to the kitchen and asked the cook where she obtained them. Thereafter Mrs. Eisenhower asked the Secret Service for us to be recognized as purveyors to the White House. In this same time frame a White House carryall under the command of a Lieutenant Gillespie stopped off at our farm after a phone call and obtained some of our poultry and my wife's jellies, jams or preserves. I believe this was followed by a letter from Mrs. Eisenhower.

I hope the foregoing will provide you with further leads for searching our FOL/PA request.

Sincerely,

Harold Weisberg