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Dear Mr. Segesta,

You have an amazing instinct for offering help at crucial times. I am about to leave for New Orleans to help Garrison's office with the trial, and I have less than \$100 to keep me there for perhaps six weeks! I do, most sincerely, thank you for the very timely and quite valuable help.

At the moment I am inordinately pressed for time, I cannot reread your letter and respond point by point, for there now is not enough time to merely copy those files I should take, and I have to meet one of his assistant DAS sixty miles away in three hours (he is arguing the subpoena on the pictures and X-rays of the autopsy in Washington tomorrow - I am opposed to the subpoena because I have already established that there is no legal proof the existing film is the real thing).

The book ~~XXXX~~ "Farewell America" is a big fake. I suspect it is a CIA operation. No time for explanations.

Before I did that Pyne radio show I had done a really exciting and quite decent TV one, where he was fair. I suspect the government reached him. I was in California, had not been sleeping at all, when I agreed to be on that radio show, never dreaming that Pyne had arranged a trap. I went there ~~xxxx~~ from a continuous day of broadcasting that ended six o'clock that morning (we taped the show about 9 or 10), and I lost my cool too easily. They were both very bad, but frankly, I was, too. I just got too mad at the dishonesty and indecency of it all. It was not one of my better performances! I should have torn into Butler, as I could have, if I'd been prepared. I have quite a file on him (of course, I didn't have it with me and didn't know I would be meeting him). He is an ex-Bircher, subsidized by Schick, connected with the House Un-Americans and Senate Internal Security, etc., a professional sucker who lives (well) off the fears of the dearing reactionaries. Writing Pyne and sending him things is a waste of time and money. He, personally, is that bad.

I now have two completed and unpublished books, ready to publish but without the means. One is on the autopsy (done for a year and a half and perhaps the most significant of all) and the other on all the assassinations, done since June, with some of the most shocking suppressed evidence of all in it. When the trial is over I will return to the preparation of another, on Oswald as an agent and what relates to this, in the hope that someday it will be possible to have this work published. Probably I'll turn out limited editions of the two to protect my rights and still make the contents available to others working in the field, of whom there are still a few.

Hepburn is a nom de plume. The man chiefly responsible is Herve Lamarre. There is, without doubt, intelligence connection with that book and a movie they made, and I think it is CIA. I have almost proved it.

Again, my deeply-felt thanks, and best good luck to you.

Sincerely,

Harold Weisberg

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Dear Mr. Weisberg:

I heard your discussion on the Joe Pyne radio hour today for the first time. On the short time available, with Joe Pyne cutting in and with your opponent making false statements that have to be answered immediately, you hardly have time to make a decent presentation of the facts even tho you have the evidence on your finger tips.

It seems as tho every opponent is trying to keep you off balance by hitting you from a different angle. I recall 3 or 4 years back you gave a broadcast on WBBM Jerry Wilhoirs. A day or 2 later some woman called and criticized you for misquoting the Commission report. Fortunately you picked it up and within a few minutes you were answering her over long distance and were able to show that she, not you, were misquoting the report. I always thought she was a "plant" to discredit you

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book, but ^{she} hadn't ~~not~~ reckoned with your foresight in anticipating this and making arrangements to keep the phone line to WBBM opened. But the distortions and falsehoods against you come so fast and so frequently that a broadcast of an hour or two are not enough to get your case fairly presented. I sometimes think that the distortions and falsehoods and the opposition furnished against you, are organized from a central source. Joe Pyne, at times seems fair and at times he seems biased. With the CIA spending a half billion budget a year, I wonder how far they have penetrated into the radio, television and press. A year or so ago Pyne, on one of his broadcasts, referred to the Rosenbergs as "who stole the atom bomb secret and gave it to Russia". I had long ago taken for granted that the Rosenberg trial had been thoroughly debunked and discredited as a shameful

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frame-up on the part of the FBI. I was shocked to hear a man that conducts so many book reviews with authors on his show make such a false statement after 20 years. He apparently did not read "invitation to an inquest" and maybe never heard of it so I sent him my copy of that book with suggestions that he read it and then have the authors appear on his show. But I never heard anything further from him. So naturally I question his integrity, then the thought occurs "who sponsors his show?"

I am sending you a check to help you out. my plan was to send you a total of \$500⁰⁰ as circumstances permit. Lately I have been trying to help other committees and organizations whom I think are deserving. Mc Carthy, Wayne Morse, Fulbright, Dr Spock, Sobel, Teachers Committee, Viet nam etc these have taken some of my spare

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funds but I will keep sending to you ^{until}
I have reached the sum I have set for
you. this is money I can spare so please
do not hesitate to accept it. I admire
your Courage, in conducting your inves-
tigation and publishing your book under
incredible road blocks and obstructions
and with the opposition of the Government
itself. And I want to help as I can.

the Det free press published an item from the
N.Y. times about a new book on the
assassination written by a group of about
12 persons who collaborated to have the
book published in Europe under the name
of James Hepburn. the title is "farewell
to America". the book is not obtainable
in the U.S. but the free press stated it
was ~~at~~ available for American ^{audiences}
thru an unnamed book store in
Montreal. Could you find out what

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bookstore in Montreal has the book for
sale? I would like to buy a copy,
according to the "Times" article the book
accuses the entire U.S. establishment
of Complicity in the assassination.

yours truly
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