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Dear Mr. Goldberg

If I do not get any satisfactory response to the enclosed letter to the Deputy AG I may file a FOIA lawsuit pro se. I can file in Washington or Baltimore and just about all can be done by mail. There is, I think, the possibility of attention in it. There certainly should be if it goes to a hearing and there is any coverage. I have not in any sense exaggerated to the Deputy.

There is I believe a fine book and more in the Ray case. If he does not get a liver he does not have long to live, I heard from his brother Jerry. More include at least a documentary and maybe a movie.

I have done the only factual work on the case, including by his present lawyer who wrote a ~~book~~ book supposedly about it that is pretty bad. He thinks he is Jerry Mason and real life is like a TV show. And the work is all mine except that as it was used in court it is public. I have those transcripts and none was ever used. I decided against going farthur and spent all my time on the JFK case because blacks were indifferent.

It fell to a young lawyer and me to exercise discovery and then prepare the case with senior counsel abroad. We divided it up, the lawyer taking the law and I the fact, the evidence. With the lawyer who put Ray away Percy Foreman, then the country's most famous criminal lawyer, and with the basis for the trial request being his having no effective assistance of counsel and his plea not being voluntary, I decided that the only way to face that was to try the case alleged against Ray and prove no effective assistance of counsel that way. It was so effective that in his decision turning the request down the judge actually, literally, said that guilt or innocence were not before him and he ignored all else and turned us down. He decided against the evidence, as the judge can always do.

I found another case in which Foreman put his client away in the interest of the government and when in the end he could not ^{avoid} ~~avoid~~ being convicted in a case involving H. L. Hunt's sons he never went to jail. He was about to put another client away, that time for the Hunts, when by accident the young man had was going to victimize discovered the proof. I got copies from his lawyer.

I wish I knew someone who could use that material and has the time mastering it would require.

Sincerely,


Harold Weisberg

cc Earl Slater