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Dear Mr. McGee,

Many thanks to you and to the Post for your excellent series concluded in today's issue. Had such a thing been undertaken at the time OPR was created it might have had great significance and influenced subsequent history.

I wish I had known that you were working on this series and that you would include OPR in it! There is no doubt at all from my experiences with it, going back to its earliest days, that it was and it was intended to be the DJ's whitewashing arm. *and was.*

Your series was on prosecutorial misconduct but that is far from all the DJ misconduct. And in those earlier days Shaheen merely ignored complaints made to him, even when documented under oath and in court, subject to the penalties of perjury. Which I did.

Most of my complaints were against the FBI, which is part of DJ. The FBI was so confident that OPR would do nothing at all that it forwarded my complaints addressed to it to OPR. Which did nothing at all. Almost never responding in any way.

My DJ/FBI experiences were in a series of FOIA lawsuits for JFK and King assassination records. George Gardner has some knowledge of them and he was present, a rarity in FOIA cases for any reporter to be present, when Judge Gesell took note of the fact that in 1974 Congress amended the investigatory files exemption over FBI and DJ corruption in one of my earlier suits.

Perjury was commonplace in these lawsuits and the OPR ignored all of it. The perjury was by the FBI. It was suborned by DJ lawyers, mostly Civil Division of the USA's office. As I think back over 13 such lawsuits, going back 20 years or so and perhaps not fully accurately, I can think of not a single such suit that was not tainted by perjury. And by perjury I mean false swearing to what is material. Little, if anything, can be more material in FOIA litigation than whether or ~~not~~ ^{not} records sought existed.

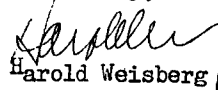
If as I hope you and the Post consider expanding this excellent series into a book and the foregoing interests you, remember one lawsuit in particular, CAs 78-0322/0420 combined. There was more perjury in it than in any other lawsuits and the courts ignored my sworn-to and documented allegations.

I would like to add a little from the earlier articles in your series, mostly from the boxes, to a completed book manuscript. It fits perfectly into what I'd written. Would you please forward this request to the proper person at the Post? Thanks.

We are all in your debt for this fine series!

Apologies for my typing. Sorry it can't be any better.

Sincerely,


Harold Weisberg