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Mr. John Larsen
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Dear Mr. Larsen,

Herewith a copy of the fourth of my Whitewash series. I think a number of ancillary uses are still news and I'd like to sell them or write stories on or around them.

Now that the Congress has decided to investigate the CIA, so many years too late, how can it when the CIA and all other federal investigative and intelligence agencies consider false swearing - even perjury - right, proper and the ultimate in patriotism?

Allen Dulles, formerly chiefest spook of them all, so told his fellow Warren Commissioners when he never expected his words would be known to others. Although Dulles made an exception of presidents, he lied to Eisenhower over the Francis Gary Powers U-2 flight and to JFK about the extent of the Bay of Pigs adventure JFK inherited. See especially pages 62-3.

When they have a mechanism for hiding who their agents are, identifying them by "hieroglyphics" known to only two men both of whom would swear falsely, when these agents are "terribly bad characters," men of "very limited mentalities both in the CIA and the FBI," is any real investigation possible?

The transcript in which these and so many other secrets were buried for 11 years was improperly and illegally classified "TOP SECRET" until I was willing to risk a perjury rap in a direct affidavit confrontation with the Department of Justice and the former Solicitor General of the United States. I sued them, they are those who could have charged me with perjury, and they are the ones who lied to a federal judge. If they deceive federal judges and in all four of my Freedom of Information law suits they did - can the country expect them not to lie to the Congress?

The misrepresentation in one of these suits was so gross it was cited by the Congress (May 30, 1974) as the first of four requiring the amending of the law then passed over Ford's veto. I'll be refiling that same suit, which can break the JFK case wide open, probably this coming Wednesday, the effective date of the new law.

This transcript, of a session to deliberate what the Commission would do about reports that its only candidate for assassin had been a federal agent, is loaded with new information on that assassination. What secrets it held on the medical evidence destroys the subsequent Report. The Commission never investigated to see if Oswald was a federal agent. Instead it decided that the unwelcome information was a "dirty rumor" and the Commission's obligation not to investigate it but to "wipe it out." (page 48) Ford, then a member of the Commission, stole this top-secret transcript, sold it for profit in a book ghosted by his former campaign manager put on the public payroll for that purpose and then lied to the Senate Judiciary Committee about this when it considered his nomination to be our first appointed vice president. Were this not enough, he pretended full and faithful quotation while eliminating every secret about CIA and FBI wrongdoing. (Word-for-word comparison pp. 124-30.)

Now that public pressure has forced Ford to pretend to investigate the CIA, his chief investigator is a man who then worked with him in covering up what the Warren Commission had to cover up. David Belin was an active whitewasher as a Warren Commission counsel and part of the effort to frame Oswald.

He knowingly adduced false testimony, simultaneously hiding other accounts.

There is, I think, a separate story on Belin, who pretends to be so pure of spirit and diligent in intent, from his own unknown record.

I do not think the refining of this precedent suit will attract major attention. I do think there will be a good story in it.

I have copies of CIA surveillance on me and proof of the unexposed mechanism by which they conduct some of their surveillance. I'm preparing to sue them over it. Before saying I could expose this secret mechanism they have I'd have to get my lawyer's approval. If he doesn't want to surprise them in court, could you be interested?

Should facsimile reproduction interest you, I obtained all these and countless more documents properly. I have about 2,000 pages of FBI reports I have not yet had time to read.

Sincerely,

Harold Weisberg