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Dear Mr. Wright,

Your welcome letter of July 30 arrived this morning. Since writing you my health has started to respond to the unrelenting abuse of the past five or so years and in order to maintain my production, I have had to slow down somewhat. I will answer in less length than I wrote, less than I'd like to.

When we get orders, they are automatically handled by my wife. The day they are received they are packaged for the next mail. When yours arrives it will be sent promptly.

I've been through it with Ramparts, going back to early 1966. While I have high regard for much of what they have done I've had my own experiences with them, with which I will not burden you, and on this subject they have persisted in almost undeviating irresponsibility. Turner, personally, despite the reputation he enjoys in many circles, has been a disaster to us. If you ever come to examine my files, you will learn this for yourself. I never say such things in public and I assume you will not. His responsibility for the ruin of the Garrison investigation, unknown except to a very few of us, is what you you never dream possible. We are fortunate the Supreme Court did not seize the Shaw case, that Garrison was not disbarred - and it almost happened.

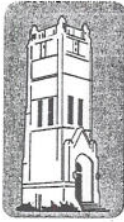
Which reminds me of what I may have forgotten in writing you before: I think that my files will make an archive that scholars will be consulting through the ages. This and what I have already told you may sound like big talk. Only examination of the files can tell the skeptic.

Should you have occasion for an unexpected trip east, some of the material is so dramatic it does not require intimacy with what I have published. It is the kind of thing one never expects to find even exists. However, when you have read what I have printed, I have three limited editions I can lend you. I am now adding to one, COUP D'ETAT, and have more than 100,000 words on the King/Ray case. It is entirely other than represented. In an ordinary case, I believe I have enough to warrant bar-association action against every lawyer involved, have more than destroyed any possibility of crediting the "mini-trial", and even have personal relationships now with some of the principals.

At the risk of coming on too strongly, I seek to write you forthrightly, for I want you to have my opinion of what I have and what it means. I do hope you will be able to see for yourself. I am deeply troubled by what you correctly interpret in your second paragraph.

Sincerely,

Harold Weisberg



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Dear Mr. Weisberg:

Thank you for your letter of June 30th. The delay in my reply is due to the fact I have just returned from a vacation period.

The importance of the information that you have written in the letter is beyond description. It is difficult to know how to reply except to say that if the research that you have done in this area reaches the conclusions you have stated it is hard to say what repercussions this might have on our societal structures.

I am ordering the material from your order form, and if there is other information which I might peruse and return then you might include that also. I don't know just what the Freedom Institute could do in terms of publication. This would be a question to be answered by our Board which would mean there would be a delay in reaching a decision.

I am not trying to cop-out as it seems that other liberals have done, but the editors of Ramparts Magazine are the only people I have known who have had the courage to investigate matters at some depth and to pass this information on to the American public. I wonder whether you have had any results in contacting them.

I don't know what this might mean in terms of a trip East. Washington, D.C. is not out of the question for a visit in future months. I will make contact with you in lieu of a trip to either Washington or New York.

Thank you for telling us about your research and letting us know some of the severe implications that are apparent here. I want to keep communications open, and I will look forward to receiving your material.

Sincerely yours,  
*Frank Wright*

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