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Dear Mr. Shea,

Your affidavits, including in my C.A.75-1996 about which I now write, identify you as both the ultimate FOIS/PA authority and the one who in cases of this nature personally makes the final review.

My counsel, Jim Lesar, is currently engaged in moving his office. I am also anxious to provide you with as fast as possible an opportunity to correct your rather serious error. Mr. Lesar will know by a carbon of this letter.

Despite your insulting, incompetent and entirely inappropriate comments about the state of my health I do have a potentially serious condition. It requires that I type with my legs horizontal. This does not improve my typing.

From the time the first documents were belatedly supplied me in this case I have complained about the unjustifiable maskings. The first time I did this with S.A.Thomas Wiseman was after the judge agreed and said all have to be justified. His response was "I'll see you in court first." To date I have been provided with no correct copy, no justifications, real or imaginary, and most recently I have been provided with more than 400 pages in which this persists.

There have been court decisions of which you must be aware. On the question of masking the names of agents the judge has stated this may not be done. I have a letter signed by Director Kelley in which he says that in cases of this sort it may not be done, should not be, and he provided unmasked copies. This related to JFK.

This deliberate contiving of phoney issues and non-existent exemptions simply must stop. It is an obvious device for making work you have already represented to the Congress, I presume under oath, is burdensome. It is also an obvious device for negating the law. It makes much extra work for me and denies me my rights. I think, as best a non-layer may have an opinion, that when you chagge me money for these copies you are defrauding me.

Although I came accross many unjustifiable deletions of this nature in the first of the two FBI volumes delivered to me on 10/28 - not one is justified in any way - no exemption has been claimed in writing or verbally - in the interest of time I did not write you. Some of these relate to what was well-publicized from coast-to-coast. There is no privacy issue.

What leaves me no choice is your and the FBI's obduracy in the totally unnecessary masking of the names of FBI lab agents. Their names are known from the past. No proper purpose is served by hiding them now. The judge has spoken on this, the appeals court has, even Director Kelley, yet the FBI continues to do this and you continue to approve it.

I have particular reference to the 4/18/68 lab report in 44-38861 (PCA5530). I am well aware of the potential for embarrassment from this record but that is not included in one of the unclaimed exemptions and is prohibited by the legislative history.

With this the record in the first delivery now that you have, allegedly, started to comply with a request actually seven and a half years overdue I have no choice but to make an immediate issue of it and more, what you have ignored in the past or attempted to by-pass by non-responsiveness.

I am asking for an immediate review of each and every sheet of paper given to me in this case by the FBI and the replacing of each one masked or in any other way withheld or a written citation of a relevant exemption. I want any such claim to be by a persons who has knowledge. Otherwise there will be the masking of names without end and without cause or possible justification. I am aware that there can be genuine issues of privacy. I am