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Mr. Evelle J. Younger, Attorney General  
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Dear Mr. Younger,

Thank you for finding the time for your 10/12 response to my letter of 8/25.

It would have been more helpful if, instead of repeating what I had read in the papers and addressing what I did not raise in my letter, you had answered the question I shall repeat.

Let me make it clear that I don't for one minute think that Chief Woughton has less than all the rights of all other Americans. He has a perfect right to write a book, which, it happens, he didn't do but had Mr. Taylor do for him.

I presume he does enjoy your confidence. What also I did not question.

My question was of the "propriety...of a public employee making secret information to a ghost writer for personal gain, which is only part financial..." To this I added another question to which you do not response, "Why should secret police, prosecution and FBI files made available to a ghost writer and denied others? Is it in your view proper for this to happen...for there to be this taxpayer subsidy of a private, commercial, for-profit venture? Would you, for example, undertake to see that precisely the same raw materials were made available to me as a writer? Have I less right to them?"

While I do appreciate the time you took, I still look forward to getting the answers I did ask for, not responses to other questions than those I asked.

Sincerely,

Harold Weisberg