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Harold Weisberg
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Dear Mr. Weisberg,

I just read with great interest your August 21, 1991, editorial printed by the Washington Post concerning the 1989, Justice Department memorandum written by William Barr, who now serves as our Attorney General. Ironically, it just so happens that for the last four months I have been working on a law review article on this very topic.

Ever since the article which you responded to was written I have been attempting to secure a copy of the memorandum. As you might know the Justice Department has refused to make their legal opinion public, even to Members of Congress. Recently, the GPO did publish the transcript of a November 8, 1989 hearing which dealt with the matter. Barr, Abraham Sofaer and another official from the Justice Department testified before Members of the House Judiciary Committee and provided some very interesting comments.

I have just began to formulate my thoughts onto paper and I expect to finish the paper within the next two months. I would be interested in hearing whether you have any additional comments or information on the subject. I must admit I found it quite amusing to see your name at the bottom of that particular letter. It seems our paths cross many times and I for one find I am in good company.

I look forward to hearing from you and to our proposed meeting next month. All my best for an enjoyable holiday season.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Mark S. Zaid", is written over a horizontal line.

Mark S. Zaid