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Mr. Laurence Silberman
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Washington, D. C. 20530

Dear Mr. Silberman:

As you know from my January 15th letter, which you have not yet answered, I represent Mr. Harold Weisberg.

Beginning in 1969, when he wrote then-Attorney General John Mitchell, Mr. Weisberg has several times inquired whether there has been surveillance on him or other intrusions into his life by the Federal Bureau of Investigation. Mr. Weisberg specifically stated that reports had been made to him that the FBI was defaming him. Mr. Mitchell never denied this. Mr. Hoover never responded.

The Washington Post recently stated that the FBI had conducted surveillance on some Warren Commission critics. The Post also stated that the FBI had given some of its information and materials on Warren Commission critics to former Congressman Hale Boggs.

Mr. Weisberg is perhaps the best known Warren Commission critic. On his behalf, I request that you disclose whether the FBI's surveillance of Warren Commission critics included him. I also ask that you specifically state whether or not the FBI provided Congressman Boggs or any other person with materials or information on or about Mr. Weisberg.

Because there may be some overlap here, I further request that you respond fully and completely to the specific inquiries which Mr. Weisberg directed to former Attorney General John Mitchell.

I would appreciate your prompt reply to these requests.

Sincerely yours,

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