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Dear Congressman Waldie,

This letter is prompted by this morning's story on the suit of which you are part and yesterday's hearing before Judge Gessell. It relates to Jaworski rather than Cox and it may suggest motive for selecting Jaworski.

Jaworski handled clandestine CIA money as a member of the board of the Anderson fund. He has refused to resign this post. I suggest it confronts him with a major conflict for he will have to decide whether to investigate CIA involvement and then whether to seek an indictment or indictments. I am without doubt there should be such indictments from work on a book I am writing. He has lied about this record.

Jaworski held a post similar to his present obligation as special counsel to the Texas Court of Inquiry when President Kennedy was assassinated. I looked into the record of that Texas investigation as part of my work on this assassination. It is the biggest and most deliberate whitewash of all.

Knowing these things and having the proof in my files, I told a number of newspapers and reporters. Initially, there was reluctance. Art Kevin, reporter for KNPC, Los Angeles, did follow the leads I provided him and his station and others with the same ownership did an honest job of reporting after interviews he conducted by phone. There was confirmation from John H. Freeman, Jaworski's partner and from a man on a companion CIA conduit in New York, Eli Whitney Debevoise.

John Hanrahan of The Washington Post also spoke to these men and others and was given virtually the identical confirmation. What is interesting in this case and one other is that between the time of the Kevin and Hanrahan interviews there were identical shifts in the dates of this CIA activity, the later accounts in each case having it end earlier.

It is my understanding that at first Jaworski issued a denial of any CIA connection or knowledge of having had any CIA connection and then fudging this by pretending a hazy recollection. In fact there was so much publicity when this front-page story broke if he had been ignorant, his ignorance then had to have ended. In fact he handled the extensive funds personally according to one account, that if the recipient.

Jaworski, personally, handled one of the more significant coverings up in the JFK investigation. Should this interest you, I can provide the proof in the form of unpublished official correspondence. His record was not that of an impartial investigator but of a partisan. He expressed displeasure at the publication of the unwelcome report and then covered it up, as the reporter who then wrote the story told two reporters, Kevin and Hanrahan, this week.

Because of the significance of present events I give you these names. However, should you desire to make any use, I would ask that you get their assent because I do not want Kevin or Hanrahan to face any problems with their employers.

If you or your colleagues wants anything from my files, please let me know.

Thanks to you all for your efforts.

Sincerely,

Harold Weisberg