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MEMORANDUM

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

July 20, 1983

FOR: FRED F. FIELDING

FROM: JOHN G. ROBERTS *JGR*

SUBJECT: Additional Martin Kaiser Correspondence

You will recall that Martin Kaiser wrote the President on February 15, alleging improper conduct by FBI agents. The conduct was related to a pending civil suit between Kaiser and the agents. You wrote Kaiser on March 8 that the White House could not become involved in his pending suit. Since Kaiser raised serious allegations concerning the FBI, you also forwarded his correspondence to the Justice Department, and so advised Kaiser.

Kaiser has now written you again, rudely rejecting the suggestion that his pending civil suit should affect the question of looking into the alleged FBI corruption. That is of course not what we said, and we in fact referred the letter to Justice precisely because of the allegations. Kaiser also attached a copy of a July 9 letter to the President, containing additional charges of abuses by the FBI agents. In light of the allegations, I recommend sending both letters to Justice, for whatever response and/or action that department considers appropriate. Mr. Kaiser's latest letters are somewhat intemperate, and I do not recommend any further direct correspondence with him.

Attachment

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

July 20, 1983

MEMORANDUM FOR EDWARD C. SCHMULTS
THE DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL

FROM: FRED F. FIELDING Orig. signed by FFF
COUNSEL TO THE PRESIDENT

SUBJECT: Additional Martin Kaiser Correspondence

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Thank you.

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JGRoberts✓
Subject
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11 July 1983

The White House
Washington, D C 20500

Attention: Fred F Fielding
Counsel to the President

Dear Mr Fielding:

With reference to the enclosed letter to the President dated 9 July, 1983 and your response to my letter dated 15 February 1983 I've got a good idea.

Why don't you advise the President to conspire with Mr Carter to have Mr Carter bring a civil suit against him for whatever. Maybe Carter can blame the "hissing rabbit" on him. Then the President can say whenever confronted with the briefing book matter "I am certain that you can appreciate that it would be inappropriate for the White House to become involved in a private civil suit currently pending before the courts". Hey! It seems to be working great for the F B I so why shouldn't it work for him?

- nice touch!

Mister, you had better sit down and give my problem with a corrupt group of F B I agents some serious thought. I am not asking you to interfere with the civil suit but I am asking you to fire or reprimand a number of people not the least of which is the chief counsel of the F B I.

I demand an answer as to how this matter was ever allowed to happen. I have read the F B I manual of ethics and conduct and there seems sufficient safeguards. Unfortunately they were all ignored. Why?

Truly,



Martin L Kaiser
President

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9 July 1983

The White House
Washington, D C 20500

Attention: Mr Ronald Reagan
President

My Dear Mr President:

You certainly had no difficulty understanding the seriousness of the potential conflict of interest concerning the Carter briefing books so I am at a loss to understand why you failed to see just as obvious a conflict as outlined to you in my letter of 15 February, 1983.

First, let me state that your response placed me right back in the hands of my enemies and you certainly get no thanks for that.

Let me again cite some of the events that have occurred in my action against some corrupt F B I agents.

During the civil process one of the agent/plantiffs revealed that they had been given my national security file. Check this out! Here I am fighting a corrupt group of F B I agents blindfolded, my hands tied behind my back, my cards being dealt face up and the bastards, in spite of that tremendous advantage, are dealing themselves from the bottom of the deck. No conflict, eh?

Every step of the way I have had to file subpoena after subpoena (at great expense) to obtain whatever material I needed to proceed with the case. When the F B I agent (the one with the sty in the eye) was pressed for an answer as to how many subpoenas he had issued for material in the case he responded "What do I have to worry...I'm the author. I know what's in those files...my God, I wrote 80 percent of everything in those files. I've done probably 60 percent of the work, and Mr Lowe (he's the one with the hemorrhoids) the rest of it... I know what's in the files. I wrote them."!!! No conflict of interest, eh?

Bullshit!

Truly,

Martin L Kaiser
President

Encl:

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

March 8, 1983

Dear Mr. Kaiser:

Thank you for your recent letter to the President, concerning pending litigation in which you are involved. I am certain that you can appreciate that it would be inappropriate for the White House to become involved in a private civil suit currently pending before the courts. I have, however, forwarded your correspondence to the Department of Justice for such consideration or action as may be appropriate.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Fred F. Fielding', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Fred F. Fielding
Counsel to the President

Mr. Martin L. Kaiser
President
Martin L. Kaiser, Inc.
P.O. Box 171
Cockeysville, Maryland 21030

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15 February 1983

The White House
Washington, D C 20500

Attention: Mr Ronald Reagan
President

My Dear Mr President:

For the past several months I have been keying you with copies of letters sent to the Department of Justice, Public Integrity Section concerning what I believe is corrupt conduct of the Federal Bureau of Investigation and its agents.

There is now sufficient information on record which demands that I bring this matter directly to your attention. I do so not only because of what this incident has done to my family and business but more so because of the incredibly bad precedent being set.

In the past rules and regulations concerning conflict of interest have generally been effective. In this case however all rules of honesty have been ignored in order to pursue a vendetta. Never before in the history of our country has a federal agency and its employees fabricated a crime, appointed themselves as victims of that alleged crime, investigated the incident themselves, wrote the indictment themselves and tried the the alleged perpetrator themselves. When all that nonsense failed and the person accused was acquitted of criminal involvement, the agency through its supervisors allowed the employees to personally sue the accused for \$22,000,000 claiming mental anguish. It is on the record that as a result of that mental anguish one agents sties were aggravated and the other agents hemmoroidal condition worsened.

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I knew that at some time I would be called to fight for my country but never in my wildest dreams did I suspect that it would be over a matter such as this. Ask others in government service that support you about my qualifications and dedication. Ask the U S Capitol Police technical section and bomb squad, ask the Secret Service technical section, ask the White House Communication technical section and ask Army E O D personnel. Look in their tool kits and see Kaiser products. Is the above fair payment for the support I've given the law enforcement community?

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Ronald Reagan
President

The solution to this matter rests in your hands. I am convinced that agencies such as the Office of Professional Responsibility and the Office of Public Integrity recognise that there is a very serious problem here and have decided the best course of action is to turn a deaf ear to the matter. The conduct of the courts in North Carolina has been reprehensible.

Your consideration of this matter is truly appreciated. Bear in mind that I am a one person company with very limited resources. If you need supporting documentation or information please do not hesitate to contact me. I await your answer.

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President

Encl 2:

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MEMORANDUM

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

March 7, 1983

MEMORANDUM FOR FRED F. FIELDING

FROM: JOHN G. ROBERTS

SUBJECT: Martin L. Kaiser

Martin L. Kaiser, who runs a "countersurveillance" and "surveillance electronics" company, has written the President, raising allegations of misconduct concerning the FBI. Kaiser allegedly helped officials of a Greensboro bank "bug" conversations of two FBI agents who were investigating the officials. The bank officials pleaded guilty to conspiring to bug the agents; Kaiser was tried and acquitted. The two agents then filed a \$22 million civil suit against the bank officials and Kaiser, claiming that the bugging violated their civil rights. Kaiser has filed counterclaims alleging that the FBI and the agents used the criminal case to gain information to help their civil suit. Kaiser also alleges the FBI fraudulently concealed and manufactured evidence in connection with the cases.

I recommend responding to Kaiser that the White House cannot become involved in pending litigation. Since the letter contains serious allegations of wrongdoing, we should also send a copy to the Department of Justice for whatever action they deem appropriate.

Attachments

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

March 8, 1983

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Defendants Claim Agents Abused Process

By ANNE-MARIE DOWNEY
Sentinel Staff Reporter

GREENSBORO — Two FBI agents abused the criminal process to strengthen their position in a \$22 million lawsuit stemming from the 1977 investigation and bugging at Northwestern Bank, lawyers for defendants in the suit charged in federal court yesterday.

One defendant in the civil case also accused the FBI of tampering with evidence. In an affidavit, defendant Martin L. Kaiser, an electronics expert from Cockeysville, Md., said bureau agents or employees altered two tape recordings and switched tape recorders. He also claimed that one agent removed documents from FBI files which have never been recovered.

The allegations were made during three hours of argument in U. S. Middle District Court. Federal Judge Frank W. Bullock Jr. held a hearing on numerous motions pending in the case which began almost five years ago.

In July 1978, FBI agents Thomas J. Brereton and Zachary T. Lowe filed suit alleging that their civil rights were violated and their privacy was invaded when their conversations were electronically recorded during their investigation of Northwestern Bank from April to July 1977. Brereton and Lowe charged that Edwin Duncan Jr., then Northwestern Bank chairman, and Gwyn E. Bowers, then bank vice president, conspired to intercept the agents' oral and telephone communications.

They also claimed that Kaiser agreed to help Duncan and Bowers by possessing, selling, transporting and installing electronic surveillance equipment or bugs "to help them accomplish their sinister conspiratorial scheme." Northwestern Bank and Northwestern Financial Corp., the bank's holding company, also are defendants in the lawsuit.

The agents discovered they were being recorded while they were investigating financial irregularities at the North Wilkesboro-based bank. Duncan was convicted of misapplying bank funds and recording conversations of IRS agents who were reviewing bank records in October 1977, and in November 1977, he pleaded guilty to the bugging conspiracy against the FBI.

Bowers pleaded guilty to the conspiracy to record the FBI agents' conversations and to the actual bugging. However, Kaiser pleaded not guilty to charges related to the bugging and he was acquitted in federal court in Winston-Salem in February 1978.

Since Brereton and Lowe's suit was filed, it has become one of the most complicated civil cases ever in the U. S. Middle District. Three Greensboro attorneys — Bynum N. Hunter, Michael R. Abel and Ben F. Tennille — have been released as defendants, and the remaining defendants and the plaintiffs have filed pages and pages of motions, affidavits and cross-claims. There also is a similar case filed by former FBI agent Donald G. Wilson for \$5.5 million in damages from Duncan, Bowers, Northwestern Bank and Northwestern Financial.

Lawyers for Duncan and Kaiser yesterday said Brereton and Lowe used the criminal investigation of their clients to prepare for their multimillion-dollar civil suit.

"They were given access and power of the federal government they should not have been given," Stephen Spring, a Louisiana attorney representing Kaiser said.

Duncan's attorney, Ted G. West, claimed that the former bank chairman agreed to plead guilty to the bugging conspiracy during a meeting with Brereton and a former U. S. attorney.

"We contend that Mr. Brereton and Mr. Lowe abused the process," West said. "That's what it boils down to in instigating a guilty plea from Mr. Duncan so they could have something to hang their hat on in this civil case."

He also said, "This court must and should look closely at a situation where investigators of the U. S. government pursue their investigation knowing during the entire course of the investigation that they have a civil suit in mind."

But Mike Bailey, one of Brereton's and Lowe's lawyers, said the agents were only fulfilling their obligations by investigating and helping prosecute the cases.

Kaiser filed a \$720,000 counterclaim against Brereton and Lowe in 1978 and last year he asked to add the FBI to his suit. He is seeking \$10.7 million from the FBI. Kaiser claimed the bureau "actually assisted and enabled... Brereton and Lowe to gain access to information and records while on bureau time and through bureau resources of information directly bearing to the outcome of the civil action."

Duncan also has asked the court to allow him to add the FBI, a former U. S. attorney and a former assistant U. S. attorney to his crossclaim against Brereton and Lowe. However, Bullock questioned whether the statutory limitation on adding to the cross-claims has run out.

Kaiser made other allegations against the FBI in his affidavit. He accused the bureau of fraudulently concealing and manufacturing evidence.

The Panasonic tape recorder presented at his criminal trial played at one-third normal speed, Kaiser said, but he said the recorder being used as evidence in the civil case operated at one-fourth normal speed. He also said tests showed that two tape recordings of Brereton and Lowe were not made on the tape recorder provided to Northwestern Bank in 1977 and that the two tapes were made on two different recorders, he said.

Kaiser said, "It is my belief based upon a review of tests that these modifications or manufacturing of evidence was performed by agents and/or employees of the Federal Bureau of Investigation as part of a conspiracy wherein the FBI acted in concert with plaintiffs Brereton and Lowe by attempting to convict me of a crime I did not commit... and instituting the present civil suit as a retaliatory measure designed to drain me of funds necessarily spent in my defense."

Kaiser further charged that Brereton took documents out of the FBI files and that the bureau claims those papers are lost. He also said Brereton made misrepresentations to a grand jury which led to Kaiser's indictment on charges related to the bugging. Brereton did that, Kaiser said, so he could use the criminal trial to gather evidence for the civil case.

Duncan and Kaiser have filed motions for summary judgment and have asked for dismissal of the actions against them. Yesterday, attorneys for Northwestern Bank and Northwestern Financial Corp. also argued for summary judgment and dismissal.

"The bank was the one who was losing from this illegal activity, not just the customers, the bank," Richard Vanore, Northwestern attorney, said. "Because (Duncan) benefited is not sufficient to say the bank benefited and should be held responsible for his action."

He also charged that Brereton and Lowe are "seeking monetary damages as the real fruit of their criminal investigation."



Kaiser, Mohr (top) and the ruins of the burnt-out Blue Ridge Club: 'This is a matter of some real concern'

Case of the Cozy Cutout

On J. Edgar Hoover's day, FBI agents knew full well that they would get a quick ticket to Butte, Mont., if they botched their paper work—or got caught kiting their telephone vouchers by as much as a dime. But in recent weeks, the bureau's record for Boy Scout's honor has come in for some painful scrutiny, and the agency now faces a new embarrassment: an in-house investigation stemming from reports of questionable fraternization between G-men and businessmen, inflated contracts for snooping gear—and a sudden fire in a woodsy rod-and-gun club that was once favored by some of the FBI's most powerful top brass.

NEWSWEEK learned last week that FBI director Clarence M. Kelley has ordered a special inquiry to clear up the murky affair. The principals all appear respectable. They include Joseph Tait,

president of U.S. Recording Co., a Washington-based electronics firm that has been supplying the FBI with gun-shoe gadgets since 1937; John P. Mohr, who retired in 1972 as the FBI's No. 4 man; and Martin Kaiser, an independent and spirited manufacturer of fountain-pen microphones and other exotic electronic paraphernalia.

Kaiser told the House intelligence committee last October that U.S. Recording had served as a front to funnel secret surveillance gear made by other contractors to the FBI. He also alleged that the firm had charged an exorbitant markup—up to 30 per cent—on about \$100,000 worth of gear. What sparked the interest of the committee investigators was the fact that Tait and Mohr (who had been in charge of purchases for the bureau) had been friends for years, as well as poker partners with other FBI officials at the

Newsweek, December 15, 1975

THIS IS
WHAT
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Blue Ridge Club in the Shenandoah Valley of Virginia; the retreat burned to the ground the night before a team of investigators from the House committee was due to inspect its books.

Both Tait and Mohr denied that they had engaged in any improprieties. But Kelley's investigation clearly set off a few alarms around the bureau. "There is no question," conceded one candid FBI man, "that this is a matter of some real concern."

There was also no doubt that U.S. Recording and the FBI had worked together as silent partners. As Kaiser told the story, when he started selling sophisticated surveillance gear to the FBI in the late 1960s, he was instructed by FBI operatives to write up his invoices in the name of U.S. Recording. After he pointed out that the procedure appeared to violate Federal laws banning the sale of his line of goods to private companies, the FBI gave him a rubber stamp ("This order complies with all the provisions of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968") and told him not to worry.

In 1972, Kaiser paid an office call on an FBI agent in Washington—and noticed an invoice on the agent's desk indicating that a number of transmitters he had shipped to the FBI (at the going rate of \$75 each) had been marked up on the invoice by a whopping 30 per cent. He broke off the business connection. And when the National Wiretap Commission examined his books last May, discovered the transactions and questioned their legality, he took his story to the House committee. "I wasn't about to go into the pokey for them [the FBI]," he explained.

Cover-up: Old intelligence hands around Washington said that Kaiser had run into a classic trick of the trade called a "cutout." In simple terms, a cutout in this case would be a go-between or front used to prevent a hostile foreign power from finding out the source and quality of secret surveillance gear purchased by U.S. intelligence agencies. (Existing U.S. laws provide that the government may buy top-secret hardware through "confidential suppliers" without taking bids.) Attorneys for U.S. Recording confirmed that the firm had been such a confidential supplier. They maintained that its markups had averaged only 12 per cent—House sources said they ran closer to 20—and attributed the price tag to paper work and other overhead expenses. The problem, observed one FBI source, was "whether all the equipment was really so sensitive that it required the use of a cutout," and no-bid contracts.

Kaiser said that many of his shipments had been run-of-the-mill stuff, and House sources maintained that since many of Kaiser's shipments had been made directly to the FBI (with only his invoices going to U.S. Recording), the overhead argument seemed at the very least open to question. "There is no way it's legitimate," said one well-versed committee source. The FBI denied that

summation, but confirmed that, on Kelley's orders, it was studying the question of whether the markups were reasonable and legal.

One line of inquiry pointed to the relationship between Tait and Mohr, and it wasn't the first time the two had fallen into the limelight. Earlier this year, Mohr was accused of "fraud and deceit" by relatives of Hoover's friend and aide, Clyde Tolson, who had willed the bulk of his estate to a number of charities and large amounts to Mohr and other former colleagues. In connection with this civil suit, Mohr, who denied the charges, said he had played poker with Tait and others at the Blue Ridge Club. The list of players named by Mohr included two dozen past and present FBI men and several CIA men (including the retired superspook James Angleton).

Guests: The tab for the friendly weekends ran about \$600, committee sources said. Some investigators speculate that Tait might have been picking up the tab for room, board and booze, a violation of Federal regulations against gifts for government employees. As a director of the club, Tait arranged quarters for the poker game and paid the bills by check from time to time. But he and Mohr both insisted last week that he had always been reimbursed by his guests.

It was to shed light on these arrangements that the House investigators sought to examine the club's books—just before the place caught fire. Last week, only the magnificent stone fireplaces of the old, 27-room lodge were left, towering above a hill overlooking the Potomac a few miles northeast of Harper's Ferry. The blaze broke out on a Sunday at dusk. Local fire marshals said the evidence suggested it had been an electrical fire, not the work of a professional torch.

The club's records were saved and may ultimately clarify some of the ambiguities in the affair. With Mohr still retaining considerable influence within the bureau (assistant director Harold Bassett, the chief of the Inspection Division responsible for the current probe, is said to be an old friend), a few troubled FBI men wondered last week where it all might lead. "It may be nothing more than a stupid business practice," said one of them. But it also could turn out to be the first serious money scandal in the bureau's long history.

—TOM MATHEWS with ANTHONY MARRO and HENRY McGEE in Washington

MEMORANDUM

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

July 26, 1983

MEMORANDUM FOR FRED F. FIELDING

FROM: JOHN G. ROBERTS *JGR*

SUBJECT: Request of John Ford Evans, Jr.
for Certification

John Ford Evans, Jr., has written you a "Dear Fred" letter, advising you that he is setting up a new practice in southern New Jersey and would like to have his firm "certified for handling U.S. government transactions such as SBA loans, FmHA loans, FHA and VA closings and the like." He indicated his recollection that "[l]ocal certifications are purely political for the incumbent Administration." I had never heard of such a thing, and after numerous inquiries determined, to my great relief, that there was in fact no such thing as political certification for handling government transactions.

John Maxim, HUD Associate General Counsel for the Office of Insured Housing and Finance, advised me that there was no certification process for handling FHA matters. There is a register of attorneys used on a rotational basis for certain GNMA matters, but any licensed attorney can be placed on the wheel. If interested, Mr. Evans can obtain more information by contacting HUD Assistant General Counsel for Finance Walter Cassidy. Robert Webber, SBA General Counsel, advised that no certification is necessary to handle SBA matters, though the SBA may "disbar" attorneys from practicing before it pursuant to 13 C.F.R. §§ 103-104. Finally, VA General Counsel John Murphy advised that any licensed attorney with a good reputation may be certified to handle VA closings by applying to the VA district counsel for his area.

Attachment

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

July 27, 1983

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We were advised that no special certification is necessary to practice before the SBA or handle SBA matters. Under 13 C.F.R. § 103.13-3(b) any attorney admitted to practice and in good standing before any Federal court or the highest court of any State may appear before the SBA.

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I hope this information is helpful. Best of luck with your new practice!

Sincerely,

Orig. signed by FFF

Fred F. Fielding
Counsel to the President

John Ford Evans, Jr., Esq.
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June 13, 1983

The Honorable Fred F. Fielding
Counsel to the President
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Fred:

In what I believe to be a final move, I am returning to the area of New Jersey from whence I first came to join the White House staff some 12+ years ago. I am joining an old friend who has been in the area building a great practice for the last 12 years.

We would like to get our firm certified for handling U.S. government transactions such as S.B.A. loans, FmHA loans, FHA and VA closings and the like.

The firm will be known as Homan & Evans. Both of us have excellent credentials in real estate, commercial transactions and financing. Local certifications are purely political for the incumbent Administration, if my memory serves me correctly. Can you help in any way?

Our area of practice will include the southern New Jersey counties of Salem, Cumberland, Cape May, Atlantic and Gloucester. I would truly be grateful for any help or guidance you can give.

Best regards,

John Ford Evans, Jr.

JFE/epb

MEMORANDUM

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

July 25, 1983

MEMORANDUM FOR FRED F. FIELDING

FROM: JOHN G. ROBERTS,

SUBJECT: Nora McArdle

Mrs. Nora McArdle of Colorado Springs has written to complain about what she considers to be inappropriate responses from HHS to her various inquiries. Mrs. McArdle asks for an investigation and review of the medical care she has received and a review of her daughter Mona's research project. Someone was gracious enough to give Mrs. McArdle my telephone number, and I had a lengthy conversation with her, advising her as gently as I could that the White House was not in a position to conduct an investigation of her medical history or review Mona's project.

She then told me that she wanted the set of materials previously forwarded to HHS by Michael Batten of the Correspondence Unit to be sent to the HHS Inspector General, and the set sent to us to be returned to her. I called Batten, who agreed to see that the materials he forwarded to HHS were directed to the Inspector General.

Mrs. McArdle thereupon called to advise me that she had changed her mind, and would like our set of materials sent to the Justice Department, and the Batten set retrieved and returned to her. I so advised Batten. A transmittal memorandum to Justice is attached for your signature. In light of the importance of the matter, the memorandum is addressed to Stanley Morris.

Mrs. McArdle also asked for a copy of her "file." I told her all we had was what she had sent us, and that she should direct FOIA/Privacy Act requests to any agency she believed had a file on her.

If you approve, I will send the attached letter to Mrs. McArdle.

Attachment

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

July 25, 1983

Dear Mrs. McArdle:

This is written in response to your letter of July 7 to Counsel to the President Fred F. Fielding. In that letter you requested an investigation into your medical care, and a review of your daughter Mona's research project. The material you submitted contained copies of responses to you from various officials of the Department of Health and Human Services.

As we discussed by telephone, the White House is not in a position to conduct an investigation or review of the sort you requested. You asked that the materials previously forwarded to HHS by Michael Batten of the Correspondence Unit be retrieved and returned to you, and that the materials sent to our office be forwarded to the Justice Department. I have discussed the matter with Michael Batten, who has agreed to see that the materials forwarded to HHS by him are sent back to you. The materials you sent to us have been forwarded to the Justice Department, for whatever action that department considers appropriate.

I am sorry that we were unable to undertake the investigation and review you requested. I hope you will understand that the White House is not equipped to review individual medical histories or specific scientific projects. I can only reiterate the advice I provided over the telephone: if you are experiencing current medical problems, you should consult a physician immediately. If you are interested in seeking private legal relief, you should consult a private attorney. Finally, if you are interested in obtaining any files concerning your case, you should file an FOIA/Privacy Act request with the appropriate

agency. Any agency that has such a file will be happy to provide it to you, consistent with the Act.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,



John G. Roberts, Jr.
Associate Counsel
to the President

Mrs. Thomas J. McArdle
6802 Galley Road
Colorado Springs, Colorado 80915

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

July 25, 1983

MEMORANDUM FOR STANLEY E. MORRIS
ASSOCIATE DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL
DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FROM: FRED F. FIELDING Orig. signed by FFF
COUNSEL TO THE PRESIDENT

SUBJECT: Mrs. Nora McArdle

The enclosed materials were sent to this office by Mrs. McArdle. When we advised her that we could not undertake an investigation or review of her medical history or her daughter Mona's research project, Mrs. McArdle demanded that the materials be sent to the Justice Department. Accordingly, here they are, for whatever consideration, response, or action you deem appropriate.

Many thanks.

Enclosure

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Colorado Springs, Co 80915
July 7, 1983

The Honorable Fred F. Fielding
Counsel to the President
The White House
Washington D. C. 20500

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Dear Sir:

On July 7, 1983 I called your office and spoke to Karen. She suggested I send a copy of the packet I had sent to President Reagan, that I believe was misdirected to the Department of Health and Human Services.

On June 21, 1983 I sent a packet to President Ronald Reagan at the White House, requesting a review of my medical care and a review of inappropriate responses from the Department of Health and Human Services.

The packet was signed for by F. J. Carroll on June 27, 1983 at the White House Mailing Room. In an attempt to find out who was investigating the matter, I called the Director of Correspondence (202 456-7486). Michael Batten then called and told me he had sent the packet to the Department of Health and Human Services. I informed Mr. Batten that I did not think that was appropriate as my request was directed to the White House Executive Staff.

I would like to appeal to your good office for an impartial investigation into my medical care, missing and altered records and also a review of my daughter Mona's research project. Enclosed is a copy of packet sent to President Reagan dated June 21, 1983.

Sincerely,

Nora J. McArdle

Nora J. McArdle
(Mrs. Thomas J. McArdle)

Enclosures: 382 pages

Letter to President Reagan and letter to Richard Schweiker
with correspondence and references - 37 pages

Letter concerning Mona McArdle's research project and
science paper with references - 345 pages

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FROM CLAUDE LENFANT, M.D., TO NORA J.
MCARDLE RE. DISPLEASURE WITH MEDICAL
CARE AT HOSPITAL

Freedom of Information Act - [5 U.S.C. 552(b)]

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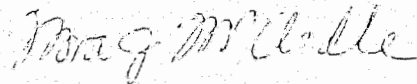
Claude Lenfant, M.D.
Dept. of Health & Human Services
National Institute of Health
Room 5A52, Building 31
Bethesda, Maryland 20205

Dear Dr. Lenfant:

I received your letter of November 17, 1982. Enclosed are the missing references. Mrs. Berry in the Social Security Office at Colorado Springs said they were sent to her.

Again, I respectfully request a review and an investigation of my medical records and care. Also, I request the name of a cardiologist who would provide the necessary medical treatment for me without prejudice.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Nora J. McArdle".

Nora J. McArdle

Enclosures

6802 Galley Road
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March 7, 1983

Dr. Arthur Hull Hayes
Commissioner FDA
5600 Fisher Lane
Rockville, MD 20857

Dear Dr. Hayes:

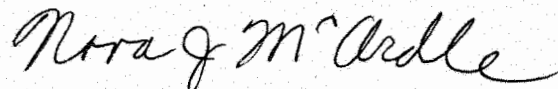
I called your office February 23, 1983 regarding a request for an investigation of medical care.

Dr. Sabel called me on February 24 and March 2, 1983. I gave him a brief history of my complaint.

Enclosed is a copy of a letter I sent to Secretary Richard Schweiker on October 17, 1982.

Again, I respectfully request a review and investigation of my medical records and care. Also, I request the name of a cardiologist who would provide the necessary medical treatment for me without prejudice.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Nora J. McArdle".

Nora J. McArdle

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Washington, D.C. 20201

APR 4 1983

Mrs. James Mc Ardle
6802 Galley Road
Colorado Springs, Colorado 80915

Dear Mrs. McArdle:

Since I finally received a copy of your letter, I thought I would follow-up our previous conversations. FDA will be sending you a separate response. Unfortunately, as I mentioned earlier, the federal government is not responsible for individual patient care, except at a federal facility or through Medicare or Medicaid payment. I regret that you have had so much difficulty with your medical treatment. However, this Department has limited legal authority. As we discussed on the telephone, you may want to contact our Office of Civil Rights (837-2025) or the Health Care Financing Administration (837-2111) both of which have regional offices at 19th and Stout Streets in Denver, much closer to your home. You will probably need to provide them more information in addition to that which is contained in your letter to the Secretary. Also, FDA will be responding directly to you and can provide further information on the drug you mentioned.

I suggest also that if you have had problems with doctors and lawyers in your area that you contact the Colorado medical society and bar association and see if they can be of assistance. The American College of Cardiology, 9111 Old Georgetown Road, Bethesda, Maryland, may be able to provide the name of a specialist in your area.

I hope you are successful in achieving your desired goal in this matter.

Sincerely,

Wayne R. Mara
Legislative Analyst

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

August 3, 1983

MEMORANDUM FOR FRED F. FIELDING

FROM: JOHN G. ROBERTS *JGR*
SUBJECT: Reverend Michael Esses

On May 25 Reverend Esses of Clovis, New Mexico sent the President a letter that began "Herb Ellingwood had asked me to keep in touch with you" Along with the letter Esses sent a collection of four cassette tapes (audio, not video). On June 2 Betty DeBlase wrote the President that she was writing a book on Esses, and wanted confirmation of Esses' statement (also submitted on tape) that he has been a counselor to President Reagan.

I called Mr. Ellingwood, who advised that he knew Esses but that to his knowledge Esses had never had any direct contact with the President. A search of Central Files revealed no additional correspondence. Our intern, Demmy Economos, reviewed the tapes submitted by Esses, and according to her they simply contain general theological discourse.

Attached is a draft letter to Esses, thanking him for the tapes but advising him that the President cannot listen to them (this may temper Esses' assertions that he has been a counselor to the President). Attached is also a draft letter to DeBlase, noting that the only evidence we have of Esses "counseling" the President is the unsolicited and unheard tapes.

Attachments

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

August 8, 1983

Dear Reverend Esses:

Thank you for your letter of May 25 to the President. Along with that letter you submitted four cassette tape recordings entitled "The Signs of the End Times."

We appreciate your taking the time to share your views with us. I hope you will understand that due to the demands of his schedule the President will not be able to listen to the recordings himself in the foreseeable future.

Sincerely,

Orig. signed by FFF

Fred F. Fielding
Counsel to the President

Reverend Michael Esses
P.O. Box 1163
Clovis, New Mexico 88101

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

August 8, 1983

Dear Mrs. DeBlase:

Thank you for your letter of June 2 to the President. In that letter you noted that you were writing a book on Reverend Michael Esses, and requested verification of his assertion that he had been a counselor to President Reagan.

We have been unable to verify Reverend Esses' assertion. Reverend Esses did send the President a letter dated May 25, 1983, which was received at the White House on June 20. Along with that letter, Reverend Esses submitted four cassette recordings of his teachings. Due to the demands of his schedule, the President has not and will not be able to listen to the tapes himself in the foreseeable future. We have so advised Reverend Esses.

Aside from these unsolicited tapes, we have no record of any contact between the President and Reverend Esses. While the President is grateful to have the benefit of the views of any citizen, it would be inaccurate to refer to Reverend Esses as a counselor to the President solely on the basis of the unsolicited tapes.

Thank you for your concern.

Sincerely,

Orig. signed by FFF

Fred F. Fielding
Counsel to the President

Mrs. Robert DeBlase
146 South Trevor Avenue
Anaheim, California 92806

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August 8, 1983

Dear Mrs. DeBlase:

Thank you for your letter of June 2 to the President. In that letter you noted that you were writing a book on Reverend Michael Esses, and requested verification of his assertion that he had been a counselor to President Reagan.

We have been unable to verify Reverend Esses' assertion. Reverend Esses did send the President a letter dated May 25, 1983, which was received at the White House on June 20. Along with that letter, Reverend Esses submitted four cassette recordings of his teachings. Due to the demands of his schedule, the President has not and will not be able to listen to the tapes himself in the foreseeable future. We have so advised Reverend Esses.

Aside from these unsolicited tapes, we have no record of any contact between the President and Reverend Esses. While the President is grateful to have the benefit of the views of any citizen, it would be inaccurate to refer to Reverend Esses as a counselor to the President solely on the basis of the unsolicited tapes.

Thank you for your concern.

Sincerely,

Fred F. Fielding
Counsel to the President

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MAY 25, 1983

PRESIDENT RONALD REAGAN
THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON, D.C.

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DEAR MR. PRESIDENT:

HERB ELLINGWOOD HAD ASKED ME TO KEEP TO KEEP
IN TOUCH WITH YOU; BUT DUE TO ELEVEN STROKES WHICH TOTALLY KEPT
ME BLIND AND UNABLE TO SPEAK AND UNABLE TO MOVE FOR OVER TWO
AND ONE HALF YEARS; PRAISE BE TO JESUS CHRIST WHO HEALED ME,
AND MADE ME WHOLE.

ENCLOSED PLEASE FIND A SET OF TAPES I JUST FINISHED
TEACHING AT THE FULL GOSPEL BUSINESS MENS REGIONAL A MONTH AGO
AT SALT LAKE CITY.

OUR LORD JESUS WOULD HAVE YOU RECEIVE THIS
SCRIPTURE AS A PROMISE TO YOU FROM HIM: JOSHUA 1:5&6
"NO MAN SHALL BE ABLE TO STAND BEFORE YOU ALL THE DAYS OF
YOUR LIFE. AS I WAS WITH MOSES, SO I WILL BE WITH YOU; I WILL
NOT FAIL YOU OR FORSAKE YOU.
BE STRONG, AND OF GOOD COURAGE, FOR YOU SHALL CAUSE THIS PEOPLE
TO INHERIT THE LAND, WHICH I SWORE TO THEIR FATHERS TO GIVE THEM."
MAY THE LORD CONTINUE TO BLESS YOU AND YOURS IN EVERY AREA OF
YOUR LIFE; AS B.J. AND DEBORAH, AND I SEND YOU OUR LOVE AND OUR
PRAYERS.

BECAUSE JESUS IS MY LORD,

REV. MICHAEL ESSES

M.E./me

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June 2, 1983

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President Ronald Reagan
White House
Washington, D.C.

Dear President Reagan,

I am preparing a book on the life and ministry of evangelist teacher, Dr. Michael Esses.

In his testimony Dr. Esses alludes to the fact that he has been counselor to Presidents Reagan, Nixon and Carter. He also states that he has been counselor to Anwar Sadat and Menachem Begin.

If it is possible I would appreciate an affirmation or a denial of Dr. Esses claim about you, Mr. President, so that I can write about this accurately in my book.

I am including a testimony tape on which this statement has been made by Dr. Esses for your determination. The statement is on the back side of the tape, and the tape has been run to the position of the statement.

Thank you for your assistance,

Robert DeBlase