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Dear Jeffrey:

As you know, just before the President's Inaugural...I phoned you long distance and told you of my precog awareness of a plot to assassinate Carter; gave you the details; and asked you to pass it along to govt. agencies in hopes they could thwart the killers. (You also informed me that three other good psychics had come up with the exact same information.)

It was a goodwill gesture on my part...toward the Government, and the President.

Yesterday, in the morning hours...two Secret Service agents came to my house (the "leader", who did all of the talking, is Special Agent Barry W. Hylton, U.S. Secret Service, P.O. Box 12128, Norfolk, Virginia, 23502) and spent quite a long while with me. You won't believe the reason they gave for coming to my house. Their San Francisco office had contacted them and informed them THAT I CLAIMED I HAD THE POWER TO CAUSE THE ASSASSINATION OF CARTER! Naturally, they explained, since it ~~was~~ is their job to protect the President...they had to check me out. How did they check me out? They took my photograph with a camera. They asked me to sign a release form so that they could check all of my past medical records (and then asked me if I had ever been committed to a mental institution or asylum, etc.) They probed into my personal life...am I a "sex deviate." Do I use narcotics. Am I an alcoholic. Do I own any guns. How many, and what make is each gun.

It was extremely humiliating for me to undergo that, and to know that I am being added to that list of kooks and nuts who are judged by the Secret Service to be a possible threat to the life of the President of the United States.

Of course, their beginning premise was completely invalid...making their entire proposition invalid...and the principle behind their visit was false and invalid. Therefore, Jeffrey, you may consider that I have now been unjustly harassed by the U.S. Govt. Let me add...that both gentlemen were highly personable; likeable; were polite at all times. I doubt that either of them would appreciate the same thing happening to them at their home, on the basis of false information.

I explained to them first on...that it was all a mistake...that I had in no way threatened the life of the President...but they pressed on anyway with the invasion of my private life, saying that it was their job, as they had been instructed to do. Which, of course, is correct.

A most puzzling thing was this: they had me sign two separate white envelopes (which would contain a letter) on the outside, as an address, "President Jimmy Carter, The White House, Washington, D.C." Then address more blank envelopes for President Nixon and President Ford. My question is...if they just wanted a sample of my handwriting...then why not on a piece of paper? Why on blank envelopes. An idea why, presents itself to me...but I'd like to think that the Watergate "dirty tricks" ~~is~~ over.

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