

100 Highland Ave.,  
Baltimore, Md. 21201  
410-538-1111

George C. Brown  
Route 4, Box 82  
Spartanburg Road  
Spartanburg, S.C. 29727

Dear George,

Thanks for your letter of the 25th. I am enclosing copies of CD 897, pages 330-343 (concerning the radio log suspects) and CD 7, pages 615-617 (relating to D. H. McFadin (reference: 19H501)).

It seems quite possible to me that the pages from CD 897 cover all the investigation that was done in this area, but the indexes to the major CD's should be checked for other mention of these names. I don't have time to do this, but maybe Jim Schmitt could (if you don't have these indexes yourself).

Also, the Archives should be asked to check their name files. Jim P. requested this in his letter of October 11, 1968 for Hunsaker, Laurant, Betty, and Stoney; I do not know what reply he got.

There are other pages relating to McFadin in CD 7; apparently all of pages 606 through 617 have to do with him. I have only the three pages I've enclosed; you should get the rest from the Archives.

Harold sent me a copy of his letter to you of 1/23, and the copy you provided of Mitchell's letter denying your appeal (for which I thank you). I am a little surprised that Mitchell did not have someone fix up the pages in the CD's, which are not withheld, and just send them to you. It might have taken them some time, but not much. I would suggest that all of his argument for denying your request does not have anything to do with the specific content of the material (although I grant that is possible). That letter may simply include all the arguments that he can gather against disclosure of such material. If that is the case, it is nice to know how poor his arguments are.

You should certainly follow up the enclosed material with a little Archives research right away. (I am a bit surprised that it apparently was not done earlier.) Not having seen your complaint, I cannot add to or disagree with Harold's pessimism about your chances, but I do share his discomfort at the prospect of a negative precedent resulting from a weak case. Since you now have some of the investigative reports you asked for, I think you should consider at least significantly revising your suit, and perhaps dropping it completely for the time being.

Harold also mentioned that I have the up-to-date list of what is withheld from the CD's. This comes to 17 pages; I can send you a copy if you wish. It is just the original official list of what was withheld, marked up to indicate the revisions.

Sincerely,

Paul J. Koch

cc: Jim Schmitt