

1448

Dear Jim, CIA/suits: costs; interrogatories.

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Until I started keeping time records I had no awareness of the actual amount of time this requires. I began working on the CIA stuff at ~~six~~ before six a.m., not much after 5:30, did not stop for breakfast or even a ~~short~~ walk, as I should have, did take a lunch break, and continued until almost 5.

I knew how busy I stayed but I didn't realize how much time each individual waste of time by them for me requires of me.

After we spoke several other interrogatories occurred to me. The Ford and Dulles stuff in the Abzug hearings does not disclose whether or not Dulles had classified material in what he gave the college and the Archives fudges on this suspiciously. However, there is no doubt that Ford stole a set of all the transcripts while they were top secret and when two as of now and of course as of the Archives' letter are and were.

The obvious questions are: are the people who have or can be expected to be able to obtain access all cleared for top secret? Has there been an ~~in~~ inspection to assure that both institutions are cleared for TOP SECRET? Do both meet all prerequisites in all ways? If not, why do the records remain there? Were these steps taken prior to any transfer? Maybe what are the storage requirements and have they been met in all details.

With this establishing that one member of the Commission did take the TOP SECRET I think it is appropriate to ask this of each of the others and of their estates and possible archives, like Russell's or Boggs, Warren; and of the living, like ~~Mohr~~ McCloy and Cooper. And what steps were taken from the time of the filing of the Report to now.

I'd file this and explain they are to establish whether or not the classification was ever intended seriously, was ever intended as other than a mechanism to suppress. In line with this I'd ask what if anything was done when Ford breached the TOP SECRET and in particular after I asked why he could have it and sell it and I could not have the 1/27 transcript. (With the transcripts not available I had to trick the Archives into an admission it was of 1/27 as I recall.) It seems to me that if the classification ever meant anything it was essential to take some action against ~~the~~ Ford. I'd be willing to ask what the legal difference is between Ford's then taking money for himself for the classified and the current action against Schorr who did not take money for himself.

There are these missing papers supposedly serious classified at top classification, there are regulations and laws, there are responsible officials, and if no steps were taken to preserve security and none in punishment - as with Pike - the obvious argument to make to the judge is that the classification, in addition to all its other legal defects, was never seriously intend.

There also is the question I raised with Rhoads: had he not given an exclusive copyright to Ford on the TOP SECRET? I don't see my copy and thus can't check to confirm that he was granted a copyright even on the transcript by not disclaiming it, if that has to be included, as now that I think it does not in the book itself. But we might want to get a copy from the Library of Congress and put it in the record.

With Briggs the one on the original denial to me on my personal records and then with him the one who denied so much and then I got these added paper and then there is not one of any that ever qualified for classification, I do think a separate set of interrogatories on his honesty, competence and qualification are in order. That really is at issue at the present state of 1448. I think fraud on us and the court also is now, as the questions with which I begin can address or prove. I'd not allege it in filing them if you do file them, but I'd be prepared to state it in a motion to reconsider.

Hastily,

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