Dear Jim, 75-1996 calendar call; my next affidavit; Dugan's ploy 3/27/76

Dugan's offer of a "search" of the Memphis Filed Office files and his deliberate lies yesterday are what caused me to elect the beginning of a draft of a new affidavit as we discussed it briefly yesterdat. I have aguest, expect the college people, so I decided to do it piecemeal, structuring it so that I can dow this in odd moments and you can go over it as it is done and avoid a last-minute pressure.

I started the enclosed while my guest was asleep. If I can mail it soon it will

be the with corrections he hade while I was doing the last pages.

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Dugan leaves no doubt that to the head-on encounters we probably will not be able to avoid is one with him. Therefore I'm taking the initiative and laying out his personal obstruction of compliance and his personal deceptions of the judge. Let him get as angry as he wants - the more the better as long as we are on a solid factual basis. I'm simply not going to accept either the corruption of the law or the denial of my rights or the waste of my time by some authoritation-minded Assistant United States Astorney, whether he acts on his own or in pursuance of set policy or both.

I propose following this with what is intended to introduce it, an account of

the persisting non-compliance of the FBI as of the 3/23 meeting.

I'll break this into separate units you can go over separately, the meeting and the records provided. I think I'll add an allegation of defrauding me of the search fee. (What we were given is hardly the result of a \$150 search and all is supposed to have been searched for the internal "investigation.") Besides, Wiseman told me the search represented eight hours of "professional" time and that comes here to \$20 an hour rather than the rate specified in Turner's letter.

Probably I'll follow with a list of specific withholding and proof of the existence of each, enough to make an irrefutable record but less than all I know. I may restrict this to what I told Blake, Wiseman and Kilty. I'll delay this part to give you time

to indicate what you may consider to be the priority items.

I think we should be prepared for as much of a "substantial compliance" effort a la Ryan and ratt as we can guess these characters may try on us and Green. My purpose will be to make out as much as possible of a case of no compliance. I've begun this with filty where it fits with Ryan's complaint and where it may attract interest in substance at the outset.

It appears to me that the way this is going, especially with the coinciding leak of a recommendation of an official re-investigation which from all indications will be limited to the existing official records, we should consider consulting with some Rembers of the black caucus and perhaps other black leaders.

Best,

Harold Weisberg, being duly sworn....

At the calendar call in this cause on Friday, March 26, 1976, Mr.

Dugan, Assistant United States Attorney, told the Court that he had been spending his time and efforts in drawing together all that is needed to effectivate compliance with my Complaint so that he could again move to most the matter.

Within my personal experience this representation to the Court is as opposite Mr. Dugan's personal record and efforts as it is possible to be.

After this calendar call, as after that of February 11, I had a conversation with Mr. Dugan to the end that compliance be facilitated and completed and that there not be another Government misrepresentation to the Court.

Mr. Dugan was ill-bempered, angry, resentful and used intemperate language outside the courtroom on March 26.

I went up to him after the calendar call to offer again to make myself available at his client' convenience to facilitate this matter and to inform him that his new offer, to have a belated search made of the Memphis FBI Field Office, to my knowledge would not constitute full compliance.

As soon as I approached him Mr. Dugan exlaimed in anger that Icali people liars.

My response was to assure him that him there had been and continued to be lies, the most recent only three days earlier, when I had specified a series of them in person to representatives of the FBI in the offices of the FBI's Legal Counsel. Of these many I specified one on which there is a prior court record, the false fepresentation by Special Agent John W. Kilty that the results of spectrographic analysis are never represented numerically or statistically. As I had told Mr. Kilty on March 23 I told Mr. Dugan, that Mr. Kilty had personally made available precisely what he now claims is impossible, a numerical representation of the results of these tests. (See Exhibit____)

The only alternative to this being a lie is that the covering letter by FBI

Director Clarenace M. Kelly and dated _____ is false because that letter represents

this and the other accompanying records as the result of spectroscopic examinations.

When Mr. Dugan had no response to this I reminded him of our previous conversation

about precisely these matters and his promises on that occasion, none kept and subsequently misrepresented to the Court.

My counsel, Mr. Jim "esar, did not participate in the second conversation and in fact walked slightly ahead of Mr. Dugan and me as we went toward the elevators. I attribited this to what he had told me too night before, that Mr. Dugan had lost his self-control in a phone conversation of that day and had used unprofessional language in speaking to Mr. "esar.

The second conversation ended with Mr. Dugan glowering at me and saying, "Aw, shit."

By Frictuary 11, rather than "drawing together" what could be done to facilitate this matter, hr. Bugan had refused to facilitate on. Therefore, on February 11, after the calendar call, I spoke to him as I had prior to the opening of Court. Prior to the opening I personally effered him records that showed his client was misrepresenting fact. Ar. Bugan declined to receive these records as him own client. After the calendar call at which he said he would be supplying an affidavit of compliance and a motion to be supplying for mostness, I warned him the affidavit would be false and that I would have no alternative to so proving. I told him I do not what to do this and would like to avoid the need, that he knew perhaps only what he had been told and I did not believe he would want to be in the position of suborning perjury.

On that occasion Fr. Dugan did stand and talk with Wr. Fesar and me.

These are among the points addressing compliance and the Government's representations I then made to hr. Dugan:

1) To the Department's knowledge I would pay the fees asked, as already assured in Mr. Lesar's correspondence and by my long prior record, but that I could not make out a check until told the sum. I asked him to convey this assurance to Mr. Thomas Wiseman and to ask the sum in which I should make out the check, which would then be out in the first mail. The alleged fear of my not paying had been used by Mr. Wiseman as an excuse not to deliver copies of the public information sought. In fact, despite this personal assuarance to Mr. Dugan by both mr. Lesar and me on February 11, Mr.

Dugan nonetheless later, on ______, filed what is called where have seek same false statements about payment.

2 Deputy Attorney General Tyler's letter of December 2, 1975, informed Ar. Lesar andm me that other records had been collected and were available to me through Mr/ Wiseman. Mr. Wiseman had said he could not make them available on the several occasions I was thereafter going to be in Washington and had not set a time when I could make this offered examination. I asked "r. Dugan to try to arrange for this examination on the subsequent dates I knew I would be in Washington and, as an alternative, to ask Mr. Wiseman that to pick any other time on which I could see what Mr. Tyler's letter promised. Mr. Duyan kept insisting "I cannot control my client," and I kept repeated that all I was asking is that he use his good offices" to try to efectuate the written promise of the Deputy Attorney deneral, who I took to be Mr. "ugan's higher authority. Finally, reluctantly, Mr. Dugan promised to make the effort. On March 23, when I reported to him my conversations about this with "r. Wiseman on March 23, Mr. Dugan grew indignant and told me "I have never talked to the man. I deal with the lawyers." I told had told Mr. Dugan that Mr. Wiseman told me my offer and request had never been delivered to him. The first time Fr. Rigeman told me this was by phone, the next time in the presence of Mr. _____ Plake, of the office of FBI Legal Counsel. On that occasion Wr. Blake told Mr. "esar and me that he had not so informed Mr. Wiseman. The not result of Mr. Dugan's "good offices" and efforts to "draw together" and expedite this matter as that it was impossible for me to examine what the Deputy Attorney General aff allegedly offered for more than three months.

3) On Mixed 11 I asked "r. Duga" to try to arrange for me to examine what I had already paid the required percentage of search fees on, what the Civil Rights Division has that is called for in the request and complaint. There was no further word on this from Mr. Dugan until in court on March 23 he said that these records had been compiled and would be made available in a week.

SEVERAL Several weeks prior to the March 23, knewing I had obligations including medical appointments that could interfere with any date set form my examination of what the alleged searches would provide, I asked Mr. Lesar to ask Mr. Dugan to set March 23 as the date for my examination of the records the full size of only part of which has been described in official statements as close to 100 volumes each about three inches thick. Mr. Lewar had offered to have me as his guest for the period beginning March 23 so that I might be able to examine all that would be offered prior to this last calendar call. Mr. Lesar, who had to be out of town for a week, informed me that he had arranged for Mr. Duag to confirm the March 23 date with me and in fact Mr. Dugan did by phone on March 9. I then asked him to try to arrange for my examination of those records collected by the Civil Rights Division to coincide with the March 23 date with the FBI. As he did not communicate directly or indirectly with Mr. Wiseman so also did Mr. Dugan not make this arrange Vent with the Civil Rights Division. When on his return to Washington Ar. Lesar made the same effort with Ar. Turner, to whom my payment of search fees was sent, tixxus Mr. Turner, who then had an accurate estimate of the number of pages he said were relevant, did not permit my examination of these records prior to the March 26 calendar call.

4) when Mr. Dugan, as he had told the Court, told Mr. Lesar and me on February
11 that an affidavit of mootness was being prepared and would be filed within a short
perior, I told him it would constitute false swearing and I was prepared to prove this
without possibility of doubt. I told him I did not want to have to do this and to avoid
it would do all possible to inform him and others in the Department of existing records
not supplied in compliance. I also offered, when he objected to the interrogatories
and the ruling of the court on them, to explain to him or to anyone else the relevance
of each and every one to compliance. In further explanation of this on both March 11 and
March 23 I told hr. Dugan that I knew of files that should be searched if for some
reason not consistent with the FBI's records and boasts on file keeping the records
sought did not appear in Headquarters files. I also told him on both occasions that to
my knowledge these records should also be found in the files of the Criminal Division

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and the Civil Division. To this day there has been no word from either of these divisions not did Mr. Dugan mention them in court on March 26. Moreover, I also informed Mr. Dugan that some field offices maintain files sometimes not duplicated in Washington.

At the same time I informed him that to my knowledge there had been extensive shipments of cartons of records from Memphis to Washington and to the Washington FBI G Field Office in particular and that I could specify the name of the receiving agent. Yet in court 27 on March 13 Mr. Dugan made no mention of the Washington Field Office or any other than the memphis Field Office although he had been informed of shipments out of Memphis. If infinite In fact if the records called for for some reason not consistent within the FBI's self-representation do not turn up in beadquarters, as I offered Mr. Dugan on these several occasions I am quite prepared to specify other offices in which to my knowledge some of these records should be found.

5) From this partial record it is clear that Mr. Bugan's role has been other than that of expediter of this matter and other than that of drawing it all tpgether.

In our meeting with Mr. Wiseman and Mr. Blake on March 23, a maix meeting to which Mr. Wiseman later invited Mr. Kilty, I specified what was being withhheld, what to my knowledge exhated and is called for by the request and complaint, and received as an alleged answer only the assurance that there had been a see "good faith" search of which meither Mr. Blake nor Mr. Wiseman claimed any personal knowledge. There is no doub of the non-compliance or of the specificity of my proving it on that occasion. Nor is there any on any aspect, extending even to the masking. As an example of this there is the one teletype of the many relevant ones, includingsome referred to in those records not withheld, a Birmingham teletype of April 5, 1968. It is masked without reason or makes sense. When I first glanced at it March 23 I turned to Mr. Wiseman and to a him that what was masked is common, public knowledge, the names having been published in the multivillions of copies and used in open court. He consulted his originals and agreed with men but despite the presence of a copying machine in that very office did not give me a clean copy, one not edited without justification.

On t e basic evidence of pictures of the scene of the crime, when I was assumed of the ridiculous, that the FBI had none and that the file of pictures presented to me for examination was 100% of the existing pictures, I provex this false beyond question/ in both aspects: the FBI does have pictures of the scene of the crime and of other pictures and sketches called for by the request and complaint.

With regard to pictures of the science to the crime I truthfully reported that I knew of dozens the FBI has and am prepared to provide an identification of dozens and to describe what dozens show.

With regard to suspects I reported that even those I had personally provided the FBI did not turn up in this all aged "good faith" search and that I am prepared to prove the existence of others. (There was no response when I reminded the representatives of the FBI that it had filed conspiracy charges in Birmingham and claimed not to have no other suspected-ever.)

bil left for a regional & Block party in Paltimore without her key so I have to stay up to lot her in. It is my bedtime these days!

I have completed the draft of the new affidavit. It is less that 13 of my pages,

double spaced.

Les is coming in the morning. He is in Washington. "e called me from there, he is to return to "ew York tomorrow so I think it will not be late when he gets here. Before or after I'll give this a ha ty reading so I can mail it Monday.

You will notice that I've worked in the some basis for a Vauchn motion. It may not be enough or what you want. (If I have not mentioned that we haven!t received either a single sheet of paper or any response of any kind from Criminal and Civil I think it should be in.)

By reference I have included only one exhibit. However, if you believe there should be others, let's include them, too. I'm not anxious to give this stuff away but I'll follow your judgement.

My hunch is that we should let them challenge, if they will, and then deliver the evidence - where it does not transfer the burden of proof to us.

It may not be possible for you by then, but I'll be in D.C. on the fifth. I have to return not later than the mid-afterneen bus because I have to make a speech that night and I'm their dinner guest. However, my GHA appointment is for 9, with a blood test to follow. I may or may not be before the Claims Committee and I may or may not have to go to obst, but all of that should be over in the morning. If I can return with a revised affidavit i can go over it promptly. I should be able to return it by Wednesday, the 7th.

This is about the time we have been promised the xeroxes by Civil Rights. Unless you reel otherwise I believe it would be bettern to address that separately. They should have everything called for in the requests because they are now going over everything. I believe on this basis alone it may be best to address them separately, in two ways:

in terms of what they give and

with a list of what is called for that they do not find in their 3,000 inches of files.

I do not remember Dugan making any promise about when the amended request would be complied with. By now they know what I figured out on the Conitelpros/Invaders. So. I think we should expect a scrap on that. They don't dare give that kinf of material up without an effort to suppress it.

Especially if they have withheld it from DV - say Pottinger and his Civil Rights lawyers.

If you file the Vaughn motion before this and there is resistance, however they are on Conitelpros/Invaders will help. But I think it will be best to file as soon as it is possible for you. They may well distroy records.

What I think might make good exhibits is those of the recent records that refer to others not provided, with the references to the missing encircled.

Best,

There was sidence, not response, when I reported to these FBI representatives that wilkiam pradford hule swore to the existence of suspects. He knew that as soon as the FBI learner of west may had told suic on Ray's employment there FBI was immediately there with many pictures.

Hor did it make any difference when I told these FBI representatives of still other suspects publicly reported as suspects and that * have these reports also. They rerely chained to have made a "good faith search."

The alternatives on suspects alone seem to be limited to search of the wrong falses; distruction of the records; lying; or a combination. Depictions of suspects were released and published. These depictions are in the form of sketches and pictures.

then I asked where the photomicroscopic comparisons pictures are I was told they are not made. When i cite. Returned Special agent Robert Prazier's testimony to the Warren Commission about how he takes these studies 4 was told this was not a re-investigation of the JFK assassination. when I repeated that Frazier made these studies, had executed an affidavit on them, and his testimony before the Warren Commission was on his and the fel's practise, I was told this also was not a trial of James Earl Ray. However, such photomicroscopic pictures were taken and were provided me - only of only that which coes not cause death. There were none of that which did feause death. These just very not taken, I was told. But there is little sense in making these kinds of studies of an empty cartridge without consecting that cartridge with the bullet Target from it. Here the photomicroscopic and the scientific evidence is totally missing in what was given to me. There is the impossibility only, that with the fragment of bullet that did cause death there is no FBI testing to connect that with the empty cartridge Tound in the so-called "Ray" rifle or to consect it with the other found bullets. Nore than four years earlier the ABC, now Extaxxit ERDA "eagerly" as ured the Crisinal Division of the Justice Department of this as I established in C.A. 75-226.

The same is true of the metal traces detected on Dr. King's clothing. What is represented as the total testing is the notation on sketched of the symbol for lead.

Only lead when the bullet that caused death is composed of more than a dozen influent metals. The identification of lead is meaningles. It is also meaningless and allows no purpose in the testing not to have an analysis of the Text allows but none was not provided and I was assured that the notation of "Ph" on the antech of Dr. Aing's clothing is all there is an all that was needed. This despots the fact was the remaint of the bullet that bused death was recovered and analyzed. There is no doubt that the analysis of the traces from the clothing matched it. But providing the traces from the clothing required providing similar testing of all the samples. The hazard is that providing the full analyses risked establishing that the analyses and not match other couples which would also have had to neve been coupled by analyzed, as was done in the JPK assassination and supposedly in done in all homicide cases where there is the cool for scientific testing.

Despite the centuary record in the Lit's JFK investigation and the abundance of evidence in scientific literature, Ar. Allty accord to that the FEK tests for early one notal of the alloys in bulkets. However, even this was not done, from what was provided - if it is to be believed - with anything that could match the traces on the King clothing.

Net Fr. kilty admitted that shat was provided is hardly a minust fraction of what was supplied in response to the identical request for the identical cridence in the JFK case. For did he or any of the other dispute that the Papartment has hailed the FOT's inventigation of the king assassination as its second largest and second most costly. Mr. Kilty's statement is that there is no more in the FOT's files and that is his work, he shows.

To this I cited two government subsidized studies, on by our hew inforcement Assistance Admini stration and the other by the Canadian Tovernment, he results of both published in the Lournal of Forencie Sciences. hr. Hilty's sole added response was "Thet was by Guinn." Vincent Guinn had no connection with the Canadian study and both studies specify that each individual elements is identified and measured.

without this there can be no comparison and without that no identification, either way.

These glaring omission are consistent with the absence of any of this scientific testing until long after the receipt of the evidence in the FBI laboratory - if this these representations are to be believed. and there is no single dated paper provided by Mr. Wiseman that is dated prior to the identification of James Earl Ray by FBI Agent George Bonebrake - two weeks after the crime. In the JFK case the initial FBI repirt of its spectrographic examinations was sent to Dallas within 24 hours of that crime.

The combination of this inordinate delay that is not accounted for in any way, the incompleteness of what has been provided and said to be complete, leads to the belief that there has been destruction and steps should be taken to prevent any or any more destruction. The alternative is lying and non-compliance.

when I made a special point that a microscopic match was alleged between the muzzle of the rifle and the wrong malf of the windowsill removes from the kemphis flophouse but there were no such pictures. Ar. Ailty dover into the stack of pictures and waves one of the muzzle that has been provided by Ar. Wiseman. I told "r. Kilty there are even more of the windowsill. But how was the comparison made by those pictures and with that proof that photographs were taken through a microscope, where were the comparison pictures standard, according to the Frazier testimony? Ar. Kilty's response was that there was no need for them. These are the only ones for which there was any need. Without the comparison no purpose is served by any microscopic picture of the muzzle of the rifle. Moreover, the reports provided first show that only a special and impossible part of that muzzle— the side of all things—might have caused the alleged dent in the windowsill. This would have required the shooter to have been suspened suspended from invisible hocks to cave fied the weapon.

Yet the possibility of a microscopic match is, as my earlier affidavit sets forth, what it was represented in Memphis Ar. Frazier would have sowrn tox- we thout

from what the Department and the FDI now allege, any supporting evidence when that evidence was readily available in comparison-microscope photographs - if tixexisted he could have made that match and so tistified.

This also applies to several tools recovered from what is said to be Ray's property - they are said to eliminate the possobility that they caused the one of the several deats x in their windowsill from which the niffle is alleged to have been fired.

Complicating and limning this omission even more is the flat statement inx those reports initially supplied by are disense. They show the total absence of what had to have been precentfor any rifle to have been fired from that point; gunshot residues. They also show the absence of any traces of wood or windowscreen on the rifles that illegedly made this cent in that windowsill and allegedly pushed the screen out. Let simple conclusions only are stated in these supports that also deal with other nathers. To test results have been provided on any of these items, Whither any "raw material" or any statement of the actual results of the tests themselves.

Not one thin, necessary to support testimony or withstand cross examination was provided relating to any one of these scientific tests. Yet at one point there were only two days soften a scheduled trial/ at which these tests here to have been testified to.

seven documents, relate to scientific testing of other than the cause of death. Manager for this, all of which should have been available in one or at most two files, the alleged search cost which I paid was \$141.00.

These heavily-masked pages in which what was well publicized is masked, contain repeated references to relevant records not provided. It simply is not possible to have conducted any kind of search wife or for anyone to have reviewed the result of this search without knowing of all these still withheld records. The relevant communications include missing airtels and teletypes. They disclose the existence of other repositories of relevant records not searched. They disclose other files in "ashington not searched or if searched, with the relevant being deliberately withheld. They also disclose that

if belatedly there were scientific tests on what is described as May's "personal effects." Lost of these personal effects are not included. "Imost none is. Nor is it indicated in this fabled FBI dedication to accuracy and precision where these personal effects came from, his person of his luggage or what he left behind in his "ondow quarters. On, item is four soiled and one unsoiled handkerchiefs, whether is a TWA note with the name "YAROM CHANDRA BUTT" (sic). This was tested for fingerprints, there was none of May's found on it, there was an conspiracy charge filed by the FBI prior to this date in Birmingham, and yet there is said to be no other suspect.

Nothing else relating to this Dutt was provided. Not even a record dismissing Dutt as a suspect. Or maxing any identification of Dutt. Or any inquiry at TWA. Or any record seeking to establish that this Dutt was or was not the alleged May accomplice in a mondon robbery in which "ay is alleged to have had an accomplice.

while these refords show that the "ay personal property was forwarded to FSI headquarters by the "ondon begal Attache, they make windwhite no reference to the forwarding of any other property, and making it certain that other such records are withheld.

These few pages for which I was charged almost 10 dollars each disclose the existence of relevant records in other FBI locations if this "good faith search" in headquarters did not turn them up.

This is merely a summary of what a few pages largely masked shows to still be withhold after all this time and after as unances of compliance - six weeks after "r. Dugan's claim of mootness. The Department and the Fureau know there is more withholding and that files were not searched. Three days before Ar. Dugan's promise to have a search made of the Memphis Field Office and it alone I informed the FBI's FOIA Officer and its representative of the its Office of Legal Counsel of the shipping or large quantities of evidence to the Mashington Field Office. Not one papaper - may, not even a reference to the Washington Bield Office - has been provided. There is not one sheet of paper from the Birmingham Field Office despite the filing of the conspiracy charge there.

Records

New York. Other records normal in any criminal investigation, essential in this case and emisting in New York, adoutified in this cause, have not been provided and have not, in fact, even been referred to in any record to not delivered. Nor has there been a single record celivered that makes any reference to what I know the FBI did receive and is described and called for in this cause.

These omissions cannot be addidental and cannot be remedied by any search, even a better than "good faith search," in the hemphis Filed Office only.

This is not to say that the Lemphis Field Office does not have records that are called for end have not been provided. It does. But all that is called for end has not been provided cannot possibly be in the Lemphis field Office.

When the rol claims not to be able to find its most basic evidence and that other basic evacence does not exist even though xx it was sworm to and a court was assured it existed and would be destified to, I believe steps should be taken to make a meaningful inventory of what the FBI has before more disappears. This appears to have importances outside this case as well. The New York Times of Farch 27 24 and The washington Post of Parch 25 report the third "investigation" by the Department since this request was filled. These are all of the Department investigating itself and of the FBI investigating itself. Yet both the Department and the FBI have assured this vourt that they do not have such basic evidence as pictures of the scene of the crime; as it fell and pictures of the position of the corpses pictures of the dispersal of the victim's blood, both essential in any reconstruction of the crime; pictures of the evidence as found; pictures of the locale of any nature; pictures that even identify the place from which the crise is alleged to have been committed; pictures taken at any time (and published) showing whether or not it was possible to comit the crime as alleged; pictures (some but not all published) or spetches of other suspects/when there was a conspiracy indictment; and either the raw material or the results of the testing of the most basic ebidence, to name but some of what it is not claimed does not exist and could not be found after a "good faith search." When I told the Bureau's representatives on Parch 23 of the actual existence of these and other records I sesk I was told there would not be another search to locate them because there had been this "good faith search" already, one that could not turn up even a single published picture of the scene of the crime apparently being enough.

on harch 26 after the hearing I again offered to Mr. Dugan to help locate what the FBI had, as I had offered to the Bureau's representatives in this matter three days earlier. His reply was kxxkkeex o four letters, "shit."

Under these circulatances I believe that the preservation of my rights under the law requires that a complete record of all the relevant files be deposited with this court. The record to date provides no basis for believing the respondent can be trusted to determine relevance.

I also believe that the national interest requires this. If this Court has not been deceived records have already disappeared.