

Dear Jim, 75-1996-Memphis files; OPR Memphis investigation 6/16/76

I was not at my desk when we spoke so I didn't remember the story in today's Post's head is "FBI Files in King Case Reopened." Well, not quite if you read the AP's story as it is probably condensed here.

Their investigation is attributed to a promise to Church, or his request. It is limited to the harassment. At that there are 5 DJ lawyers. They will spend three weeks in Memphis. And we didn't get a single record with that junk to go over there?

He is quoted as having said Monday, or before the day this story was written, that it will include the killing.

This means they will have done the searching and that there are relevant files we have had held back on us for a half-year. Do we want to make noises?

This also means there were earlier stories in Memphis and perhaps elsewhere. If we can get them we should have them.

Shabazz appears to be there in person.

They are going to all 99 field offices. It will take several months.

This really addresses all the crap Dugan has spewed out on court very well.

Possibility: he said impossible, now they are forced to do it so it is not and never was impossible.

Good faith: Dugan didn't even report this last week with only one working day between that day in court and Shabazz's public statements in Memphis. Even if his client doesn't tell him I think we should go into it. Either he doesn't level with the court and us or his client doesn't level with him, in which event his word still is worthless.

Intent, non-compliance: there just can't be three weeks of work for five full-time lawyers with no files copied for us. There is nothing in the law or our complaint excluding the Memphis files from the case. run their own figures less than two-tenths of one percent of their files are in Mg, so searching them even if fully accurate non-compliance.

There is no doubt in my mind that we have forced not only all of this but this new twist that goes farther than Levi's announcement. Investigation of the crime itself is new. I think significant, too. They want to dribble, leak, take the edge off now that they see they'll not get around us or Green. Do what they did in the other spectacular cases. This again raises the question can we do something, like sue personally those who stenograph me and then deny me my rights by leaking and announcing generally what I had to see for?

Best,