

Dear Jim,

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I'll probably amplify this later, if there are no interruptions. I have to leave on an errand before the stores close and I've just finished a long talk with Les. He had been off on his own projects for several days. He checked with me and I filled him in.

In essence what will interest you is that after a very short interval Les has heard from Kelley, who is going to show him what we have been denied, despite the assorted Dugan and other allegations about time required. I'm certain of recollection on the Invaders.

His sources tell him that Carter is receiving some pressure to come out for a new King investigation. This pressure comes not alone from Andy Young, one of the early black Caterites. He also mentioned King Sr and the widow.

I suggested to Les that he and I or I with him present and taping interview those blacks I want to interview, with the sole stipulation that there be no use until all the interviews are completed to avoid confabulation and make as accurate a record as possible.

Later. Les did not have the letter with him. I asked him to send you, not me, a copy. It makes clear that there is a prior, he thinks unspecified, FOIA request for the Invaders file under which Kelley he giving him access.

I do not believe there will be another need for this kind of thing before Green, but why not have it in case, and for other cases, like collecting costs?

Les will be in Washington next week, when he expects to see this. I never thought to ask him to ask for copies!

Think about the possibilities of this, from Wiseman through Dugan to me, besides all their whipsawing of you. (Incidentally, as the numbering of the pages will show, I delayed that chapter and left space and when they continued to stonewall just write a different version and now, except for listening to John, await the rest.

I think that if the letter doesn't show it Les will have no reluctance in giving an account of the time of his request, which was a straight news rather than FOIA request. It was some time after his Black Perspectives questioning of Kelley.

This sure tears the hell out of all their contrary representations to Green, by Dugan and by Wiseman under oath.

I don't know how interested Les is in these interviews. He has another major project in mind. I've told him that if we have the transcript of the hearing, which I described to him, he can have a copy when he is in DC and then be the only one able to quote it when she ~~issues~~ issues her order.

The representation of Les is one I believe: there really is nothing in the file. If there were, would they give it to him? They've had plenty of time to cleanse it. But I think the minute Les gets access we want to go to Green. Can you consider a basis for giving her a chance to react strongly? Like contempt? She might welcome it now, after that taste of the football field moved into a lady's courtroom. If one of these guys gets a taste of what they dish out it might have a moderating influence on others and it might ease our burdens even if they fear it.

Best,