

April 6, 1978

Dear Harold,

Thanks for all the stuff you've ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ sent. My backlog has gotten out of hand, and probably won't get worked on until after my taxes are done. So, for the time being, here is a minimal response:

Enclosed are some of my more obscure sources, as requested in ~~your~~ your 3/28. Also, p. 11 of my notes, which lists sources. (The enclosed items are #9, 8, 7, and 14 on that list. You can request any others you don't have.)

I don't think I've come up with any FOIA angles other than those mentioned in my notes. The statement that the CIA reportedly has said that Epstein got only the general releases comes from Dave Martin at Newsweek. I gather that the agency ~~was~~ was referring to JFK files; Epstein does seem to have ~~been~~ gotten some Nosenko material not in those files. He said this to Dave Williams of the ~~XX~~ AIB, who suggested that I pass it on to you.

By the way, I think you were asking about the status ~~of~~ of the AIB's review of the FBI files. Since Jim Kostman has left D.C. for a while, it has slowed down a lot. I guess other things have higher priority, as they should. I'm going to try to find out if any library around here is getting the microfiche edition; if so, I'll try to spend some time reviewing it. But that will be a while away, at best.

On the CIA's mail cover: I have a FOIA request going back to June 8, 1976 - which is, in fact, early enough for it to ~~not~~ have influenced what was given to Epstein. They told me on June 25 that they were working on it, but I've heard nothing since then. I'll write again. (*enclosed*)

Thanks for passing my stuff on to Lardner. I did talk with him a couple of times as he was working on his review. I hope it turns out okay!

With best regards,

*Paul*

PLH

P.S.: You questioned the fact that one of ~~my~~ my letters to you was postmarked in Oakland. That should be routine; all Berkeley ~~mail~~ mail is now going through Oakland. There doesn't seem to have been a special problem with that letter.

PPS: One interesting ~~thing~~ thing Epstein supposedly has said (and I can't pin down the source at the moment) might be the basis for a FOIA request. He indicated that one of the reasons Powers suspected that Oswald had something to do with the U-2 incident is that the CIA asked him about Oswald. It's not clear whether this was pre- or post-assassination, but the possibility of the former is fascinating, especially if (as EJE said in NY) the CIA intercepted the letter in which Oswald mentioned ~~to~~ Powers.

Paul