

Dear Jim, About my this morning's letter to Lynne Zusman 11/12/77

For me I slept late, until 6:15. While I was shaving and reviewing yesterday's meeting and what transpired at it + realized that the surprise of Bill Schaffer's unprecedented offer, to hire me as his expert on my case, may well have led me to undervalue it and that the intensity of the meeting obscured it for a while. If it had not been so early in the morning I'd have phoned you and discussed this. On balance I decided that what might be avoided by my writing Lynne was the most important single consideration. I am sorry that time did not permit either finishing the letter or reading and correcting it. It is doing that now and will detect anything that is incomprehensible. It really is all off the top of the head. And it is directed at enabling them to enable us to avoid having this now go to trial. It is intended to alert them to as many realities as possible, ranging from the actualities of what the FBI is up to to details of other non-compliance and its mechanisms. With regard to these I do hope it is enough for them to see, to perform and to act internally if that is required.

It is my belief as well as my fear that without something like this next Friday will come and pass without the accomplishing of sufficient to justify a favorable report to Green. While I am anxious to avoid a trial if it can be avoided my desire does not extend to where I will compromise past the point where I believe I can merely because those we know other than Bill and Lynne do think they can wear me down.

One of my concerns is that because of the time and detail and apparent agreement on the indices and the 29 volumes indexed other and important elements of FBI non-compliance might be avoided, leaving remaining FBI problems when we meet in chambers. I believe the FBI would not be unhappy over this and that it might actually not object to going to trial rather than be forced into further disclosures. For its Harps and Matthews there are Brownie points bouncing off the stone wall.

If they ask you what other components are involved off the top of the head the offices of the AGs and DAGs, Office of Legal Counsel, wherever Community Relations Service is or was, Criminal, Civil, Civil Rights, public information (not only the Bill King matter and they have not disclosed all of the Bill King matter) and maybe others. In her own division Carl Eardley will be a lead, whether or not he is still there, and any searching of his files that do not relate to this ought keep in mind that there has not been response from them or that Division to my long-overdue PA request. That should include the files of his office rate/ of the period, Jaffe.

I do not believe the FBI's representation that it cannot work by subject. But whether or not they can there are some subjects that are important to me in this case. What follows is again off the top of the head because I could not anticipate what would happen yesterday and thus was not able to prepare for it.

What relates to the Rays and the crime and to suspects outside those 29 volumes.

What relates to informers in connection with this and with the political stuff where they are not really secret informers.

What relates to those allegedly in touch with Ray after his McPen escape, particularly such things as J.C. Hardin and the non-investigation of the New Orleans and Baton Rouge aspects. By non-investigation I do not mean that I believe no records exist. Rather do I mean they have to exist and by subterfuge remain withheld. I have given John more than enough indication of this in writing. I think they can resolve it if they want to by a couple of positive phone calls in which they tell the FOs to come across. When you were not with us at the end of the meeting I suggested this to Ralph and Charles as they left with regard to what relates to the "tramp" pictures.

What relates to other itemized people in our requests, like you, me, Bud and the other lawyers and as I've specified in writing to John, the subterfuges of the non-response on the surveillance aspects of this.

Among the rest, all I've specified in writing over the past year to the FBI and other components. In a few instances I may have erred or misunderstood but in most I'm satisfied what I wrote is substantially correct.

Without time to consult with you and to think this through I cannot say that this is

speaker of it Chu wants a bedroom radio I would recommend it. However, depending on the space May has, if she wants the superior tone of an external speaker, the much smaller Channelmaster I showed you yesterday may be better. Rather good small speakers are available at more cost than cheap ones. Sammie Abbott's wife can make a recommendation from those she had put in her kitchen. I've heard them. The risk with a good speaker is, I think, theft. Of course this also exists with a decent or perhaps any radio. Both of these are better than market-run sets. Both cost more initially, the larger one almost twice as much as similar and cheaper sets cost. It is about 8 1/2 inches high and a little over 6 wide. The aerial extends only upward for FM. For local stations it may not require any extension. If it does and extending it upward is a problem this can be eliminated by a shary piece of lampcord of TV leadin wire taled to the wall.

Is there anything I should know about the Williams "Counter-Designation of Record?"

Before you go ahead and file a simple complaint against CIA for the King material you might consider whether you want to make that part of a larger, inclusive complaint. I am not asking that you do this, merely that you decide if it has advantages and if it does if they outweigh the disadvantages,

I am reminded of this by the NYTimes story on the House committee's FOIA guide. If you can pick one up without a special trip I'd appreciate it. I'll also try to remember to ask my Congressman.

The CIA's requests are not as numerous as it has pretended.

You wrote on the back of my Holly v. Acree (which I encourage you to read) Salliann Dougherty, FOIA/PA Unit, Civil Rights Division, 20530.

Leave to you when and if we confer with Lyne over other matters. After the 21st I know I'll be in D.C. for the annual checkup at 9:15 a.m. Unless there are unusual delays I should be able to keep an 11 appointment, or one for lunch, and still make the bus if that is my means of travel - if we do not have coinciding dental appointments. If we arrange these I'll make a special trip on another day and return by the 2 p.m. bus as long as there is no snow. I think I'd best avoid driving in snow now even if it ordinarily would be safe because I can't control other drivers and because the hill can be treacherous if the weather changes after I leave in the early morning.

I've indicated a few possibilities of importances on the list of missing attachments Harp provided yesterday. There is no way of telling from the list without more work than can now be justified. However, he managed to avoid all the internal records that were attached and are missing, as I noted yesterday after Bill had to leave. When Lil has the machine running she'll make a copy for you, as marked by me.

There will also be a copy of some clips from HR in case he did not send them. Note in particular the UPI story alleging Kershaw's pocketing of more than \$10,000.

Now our overdue ^{friend} can have this to mail so you can " get it Monday. In haste,