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Dear George,

A few days after I wrote you to let you know that it was possible the FBI would charge me with contempt for refusing to obey Judge Smith's order that I provide them with what they called discovery they actually made this threat. LeHaie, the DJ lawyer, made a pretext call to Jim^{and} in the course of it threatened to have me "thrown in jail." I had told Jim in advance to say that I dare him to try. (Not histrionics.) Instead Jim was silent. Time passed and the FBI gave the appearance of dropping contempt and opted for another sanction, dismissal. This poses the same hazard to the Act. It rewrites and negates it the same way.

The pretext was to tell Jim where I should send my check for their legal costs in procuring the discovery order. Jim knew I refuse to pay those cost and this can be another contempt/charge. If they are crazy enough. Or hate me enough. Or convinced enough that the benefit will outweigh the possible liabilities. In the past the FBI has simply refused to heed the Department's cautions. I have those records now. The Department actually feared the 1974 amendings of the Act for which one of my earlier cases was responsible and the FBI went its own way. For which we all owe them a great debt.

It doesn't seem probable to me that they cannot visualize the potential of any effort to throw an unwell septaganarian in jail but I do intend to provide them with every possible opportunity and temptation because this will dramatize the totality of their violation and abuse of the Act and, believe me I do not exaggerate, the totality of their mendacity. I believe they are less inhibited because they are before Smith, whose record is of rubber-stamping them.

I am without doubt about the firmness of my position as a matter of law and I am absolutely positive about it as a matter of fact. The latter I have continued to document in affidavits that they do not and cannot refute. They don't even try. Meanwhile, I continue to prove that they lie under oath and in pleadings. I've now done this with every attestation they've provided and they haven't even attempted to refute me in almost 100% of this and failed in the few petty efforts they made. I immediately proved those efforts to be false.

So, the case record is overwhelming and all my way.

There was to have been a hearing Thursday. Jim just phoned me to tell me that it was postponed, no new date set and no reason given to him.

I'm sorry I can't get to Washington and that Jim has been too busy to speak to the public interest groups because I think this case can be used effectively in defense of the Act. If I were younger and well and if Jim had more time and means we could file a series of promising civil suits based on it. Laughingly, he told me a few minutes ago I could even charge them with fraud - for cashing my checks and refusing to provide the records they paid for. Kind of a reverse Snapp.

Temporarily they can't charge me with contempt because I filed a Motion to Reconsider. Jim got their response in today's mail but hadn't read it yet.

Something from the forgotten past came up when I was addressing, as I told you I have with all, their latest dirtiness. Le Haie had absolutely refused to provide any Ronnie Caire information. My New Orleans request in this litigation includes all records on all persons and organizations who figured in any investigation, the FBI's, the Commission's and Garrison's. So, when Jim told me that and I remembered that in

1970 I'd filed a request for all Caire information, accompanying it with the check then required. In those days the requests had to be sent to the Deputy, then Kleindienst. When he wrote the FBI they had to make an inquiry. It turned up some interesting and still withheld Caire records - that are pertinent in this litigation.

If you don't remember Caire, he was a right-wing publicist who failed at that and later became the publisher of a small paper in, I think, Mississippi. I had a fine young friend, also of the right, who knew him well. I thus learned that he knew things about Oswald and hadn't been asked by the FBI. Oswald also applied for a job with him and although the FBI was to have investigated all Oswald's job applications, it managed to overlook that one.

It was known that Caire and Arcocha Smith had organized a fund-raiser called the Crusade to Free Cuba. They used as their return address the Banister-Cuban Revolutionary committee address 544 Camp Street. What I did not know about Caire when I filed the request is that he also was a registered agent for the CRC, which was a CIA outfit organized and financed by it, to provide the government in exile if the Bay of Pigs succeeded.

Of course I do not know that this means anything. But it is interesting and the FBI's refusal to provide the records when they are pertinent and are not exempt - it makes no claim to exemption to withhold them - does not make them less interesting.

Whether or not meaningful but to me provocative is the fact that the FBI never did let the Commission have any copies of any of Oswald's propaganda that bore this 544 address. In the end the Commission had to get samples from the Secret Service. Also provocative is the fact that as soon as the FBI learned that the Secret Service was investigating Oswald's literature it put pressure on and had that Secret Service investigation aborted. And thus, when the New Orleans FBI reported that the person who picked Oswald's literature up at the Jones Printing Co. was not Oswald, FBIHQ sent a rewritten report to the Warren Commission stating that it was Oswald. I published both official versions in 1967. Then I interviewed Jones and his ~~assistant~~ assistant separately. Both confirmed that it was not Oswald and, independently, both selected as the person most resembling the one who did the same man, four different pictures of him among more than 100 I gave them to thumb through.

Your great and good friend Blakey, the demon investigator, got FBI records showing a neutrality-act file on Ferris, which he never got, and Caire as a foreign agent, which he never asked for, and both of them included in the New Orleans files on this CIA front, which he also didn't want or get, and after I pinpointed this file in this litigation, the FBI lied under oath about it, as I've proven, but still has not either provided or claimed to be exempt.

Jim is going to move again that all the FBI's attestations in this case be expunged as falsely sworn, incompetent or both and that may well go up on appeal, as a separate question.

Anyway, I thought this reminder of what was never investigated in New Orleans, and what that nut Garrison failed to even try to look into, might interest you after all these years. I don't know whether I'll be able to compel them to provide this stuff now but I do want to know what they knew and see if I can learn why they did not give it to the Warren Commission and why they lied to Kleindienst and told him that they had given the Commission everything on Ferris.

Best wishes,