

Dear recipient,

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A month after I wrote to inform you that the FBI and DJ are again trying to rewrite FOIA in court through me and that by resisting this I was subject to a contempt charge, the FBI's DJ lawyer made a pretext call to my lawyer and actually threatened to have me thrown in jail, his words. My lawyer gave him to understand that I am inflexible on this and a week later he and the FBI backed down by opting a different sanction. I am resisting that also because the result would still be turning FOIA 180 degrees around. Meanwhile, I am still in contempt on a second and related matter, refusing to comply with a second Order, to pay the FBI the costs of procuring the discovery Order about which I wrote you.

While I do not expect any contempt charge, two are still possible. The reason I do not expect it is that it could kick back on the FBI and DJ.

However, they do hate me and they have, from their records I've obtained, been running a real vendetta since my first book, with vicious fabrications and misrepresentations distributed to the White House, Congress, attorneys general and many other minor officials. I'd never have gotten these records if those processing them did not believe them.

(To my surprise, the CIA keeps me company in this. For no apparent reason the FBI, through DeLoach, convinced LBJ that there was a conspiracy to kill JFK and the CIA was involved in it. LBJ asked for more. If this interests any of you, to the best of my knowledge this particular story has never been told.)

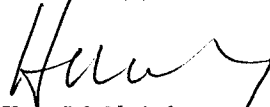
My ~~lawyer~~ lawyer informs me that the judge is in the hospital, so I do not expect any developments for a few weeks.

In my many FOIA cases official mendacity is SOP. Perjury is commonplace and not withdrawn even after it is proven. In this case the FBI and its DJ lawyer have almost never been truthful.

While I am aware that the major media have no interest in FOIA and not much more in official mendacity, I am taking the time and making the effort to prove the totality of it in court, where it is subject to refutation and I am subject to a perjury charge if I lie. As of now, no effort at refutation has been made.

While I do not anticipate any interest in the case record in this litigation, which I regret because I believe it can be helpful in efforts to preserve FOIA as we know it, if I have to defend myself against any charges, I will have the case record to draw upon.

Sincerely,


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