

Mr. Dan Metcalfe
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Department of Justice
Washington, D.C. 20530

2/25/84

Dear Mr. Metcalfe,

My January 23, 1984 letter to you begins, "Attached to illuminate these two appeals . . ." There is no mistaking the fact that I filed appeals. Under date of February 21 I receive a letter from Mr. Hall that begins, "This is in response to your letter (sic) to Mr. Dan Metcalfe dated January 23, 1984." Until now I have had considerable experience with Mr. Hall and his FBI staff in their withholding and non-compliance function and their forcing unnecessary and costly litigation but I wasn't aware of the fact that he had become an official adjunct of the Department's appeals office. Or did you refer my appeals to the FBI because the opening sentence ~~reads~~ concludes, "the FBI simply refuses to respond at all"?

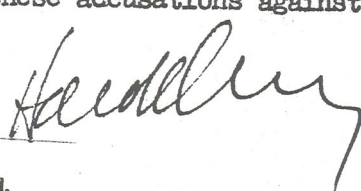
Mr. Hall also referred to me in his February 16 letter to Jim Lesar, to whom I have written. I enclose a copy and, so you will not have to take time to look them up, copies of my letter to you and Mr. Hall's nonresponse.

You know I'm old, long unwell, limited very much in what I am able to do, so while I do not intend to accuse you of it, I do ask you if you could have conceived of a more effective way of wasting a little more of what remains of my life and the work your employer and the FBI do not like?

Do you not get paid for your part of the appeals function? ~~Why~~ then did you not reply yourself, if necessary asking the FBI to inform you? Is it because you would have seen immediately that Mr. Hall does not respond at all with regard to the Nosenko appeal (now more than five years old in your supposedly first-in, first-out office) and is only evasive, non-responsive and untruthful with regard to the CIA referrals matter? Because this is what you wanted, or because it ~~is~~ is what you did not want to have to confront? Is it really asking you too much to ask you to act on appeals instead of ^{what} your not inconsiderable experience should have told you would result in only more stonewalling?

Mr. Hall's letter to Mr. Lesar makes less than honest reference to fee waivers so that he could avoid mention of ^{abrogation of} the fee waiver that had been granted to me by the Department. My appeal of that, now more than four years old and still ignored, states that it was based on falsehood and fabrication. It has immediate relevance, exceeds your claimed backlog, so I ask that it be acted on immediately. Please do not refer it to Bill Dole, who has been totally silence since I made these accusations against him. Or to the FBI again.

Sincerely,


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