

JL - enclosed to Shea re McCreight's letter on JFK tie 8/5/78

Writing this has made me sweat, has tied me emotionally, and after I do this note I'll walk a bit and see if I can be less reminded of the world before you were born or of the society my parents fled. These are experiences you are well off not to be able to recall.

There is a dead give away in the exact quotation of the exact words used for the first time in the Reply Memo and affidavits of 7/19/78 in 1997. I am now even more persuaded about what I have already written you about this and of the need to press against those who do it. I think you will see that this is what I have undertaken with McCreight and his overt lies.

There can be no doubt that there is what I call orchestration.

No doubt about the purpose.

Little if not no doubt about the intended results if not consequences.

For me, as I hope you will understand, there is no alternative. I hope I am never so weak or so ill that I will not oppose what I undertake to confront here and now, on the ground and the issues of my choosing and with fact the essence rather than the fairies and the needles of official law practise.

I am saying nothing else about this to Quin now. His options are open. I am not pressing him. I ask only. He is free to decide that referring to higher authority is not his responsibility. Understand that if he decides this I do not want to make an issue of it. If he decides this way he may either cut his throat or protect it as I think he cannot do in any other way. The decision is his alone to make. Whatever he decides I have no complaint. But I do reserve the right to make other attempts myself.

By the above I mean I offer him some protection because the issues and proofs are so clear and so unequivocal. While I am not under any illusions about official willingness to face what I raise on any higher level, it will never be raised if nobody makes the effort. I believe nobody else can as I can and I am willing to face whatever risks there may be. If I were not there would be no point in my work and life.

There are by now many other questions and matters to be discussed. I'll ask Quin if we can get together with him after the 8/14 status call. If this means that with whatever else we may have to discuss I miss my bus, I can always not try to put the arm on Howard if his life permits. Besides, I have much for him, including possibly some furniture and similar things.

From the time Chuck Matthews refused to reprocess the indices I have felt that the Government was retreating upon a new non-compliance course. Momentarily I was deceived by Lynne's and Bill's smiling faces and proud if deceitful words. Since then I have been groping for the right way of opposing this. I look back and believe I was going the right way. I think that now I also am going the right and the necessary way. Please try to think this through and when it is possible to discuss it with Howard.

Please also have with him the copies from the Dallas records that go into the inventorying of the JFK and MLK records in the event there is use for them in 1996. Memphis withheld its set of these records, as did all FOs except for the single FBIHQ carelessness with the Chicago response. I have given you a separate copy if it. It should have the judge choosing a path across the ceiling after climbing the walls. Consider whether you want to use this to backbone Shea and if you do whether you want to do it by merely talking about it or by taking testimony. Remember, I did that the Chicago TT up with Harting et al and they lied about it and what it represented. I think I gave him a copy. I am sure I informed him fully.

Maybe they will have gotten away with it in 1997, as I indicated before I received the McCreight letter. My reason not to fight the same fight administratively, whether or not in 1996, where it also is relevant.