

To Quin Shea from Harold Weisberg, JFK assassination records appeals 10/10/79

As you may have noticed, what made the FBI great as it was under Hoover was his personal devotion to details, the more minute the more attention he paid to them. As you also may have noticed, those under him left no stone unturned as they pressed vigorously to expedite newspaper clippings to him. He read them and annotated them and he was quoted in a very large number of records that began with citations of what he had annotated and after dutiful quotation of the note, verbatim, response was made. Indirectly, of course, but that is how the FBI worked. (I have yet to see an internal FBIHQ record addressed to the Director in person.)

One of the more minute clippings is of but two sentences. (105-82555-4116, attached.) It quotes Mark Lane as saying that Jean Paul Sartre would help out with a French "Who Killed Kennedy" committee.

It clearly was not to satisfy his intellectual interests that this clipping was routed to the Director, for his annotation reads, "Find out who Sartre is."

Who, if not what the FBI thinks Sartre is interests me much. But I have not seen what Hoover was told. It is not in the Section that includes Serial 4116 or on any others I have read.

If any of those with whom you deal in the FBI have philosophical or literary or other intellectual interests they also may be interested, as I am, in what Hoover was told.

While it may be that the answer is in one of the Sections I have not yet read I have in mind framing this precious, historically important record. It would be a shame and burdensome for one of my limitations if after framing this I'd have to find a larger frame to include the intelligence (other than of Cointelpro nature) given the Hoover. (Of course I hope the intelligence is as brief and to the point as the directive to provide it, otherwise my wife might have complaint about the wall space proper framing would require.)

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