Quin Shea 5/4/78 Information provided to Edward Jay Epstein

Your and Linda's explanation assumed that the FBI withhhld from Epstein if he made a request or that he was not satisfied with compliance and for that reason appealed.

My information comes from Epstein. I do not hold him out as a completely dependable source by any means.

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Wouldn't it sound better to say he obtained the information by his own derring do?

We credits both CIA and FBI, under FOIA.

I did make request of the CIA. The request was rejected on what I regard as spurious grounds. I've appealed.

My request of the FBI of 3/9/78 is not fully responded to by McCreight's rejection dated 4/4/78.

His rejection is largely immaterial to the request. I believe it is not consistent with your and his testimony before the Abourezk subcommittee. It is entirely inconsistent with the FBI's early determination with regard to third persons and the JFK investigation. Most of the records it made available voluntarily were of this kind of third-person nature. The Archives overflows with them. So do the FBI's own JFK releases.

McCreight ignores parts of my request.

And when my requests related directly to Epstein and the book McCreight did not claim that the FBI did not give Epstein anything at all.

If as with the CIA and the Archives, which also rejected the request, I did not make clear that I want what was made available to Epstein I can file a new request.

In the past Epstein appears to have enjoyed a friendly relationship.His New Yorker article against the Black Panthers was clearly assisted by the FBI. That article was plugged on coast-to-coast TV by John Mitchell, before it appeared.

Epstein, with a half million of Readers Digest money in his book, has abandoned promotions and fled to Europe for two months according to a report we have. This is exceptional, more so because it appears to have followed our filing for a "new" trial. And that followed our putting information about his project and its sources before the appeals court.

I can't remember a book with such an investment without heavy promotion. I can't recall real promotions without the author.

On "the Russia Cuba thrust", that is the FBI's own caption on the file for the investigation.