

# field office appeals

Dear Jim,

With this you will get the corrected draft of my response to Shea's 6/16 to you. While I would prefer to rewrite parts and then have Lili retype it we don't have the time and it is far past time to make an effort to end the wasting of us both by what this newest turn represents.

As I told you long ago pertaining to the King case, I'd rather lose than continue to let the FBI and its Departmental associates "stop" me any longer.

Shea can feel just as sorry for himself as he may want to, and I can feel sorry for him, too, but this is just too unreal and I refuse to undertake to become part of this campaign to stop me.

One possibility is that Shea will say the hell with it all. Let him. A worse possibility is the case going to the judge without some firm record like this to be in the court record for time of a possible appeal. In balance I'm inclined to feel that Shea will recognize that as a matter of law as well as common decency what they are up to is wrong. If he thinks about this he'll realize that there is no response he can make, as in 1996, that I'll not ruin - even if he picks out extreme examples - because if I am forced to take time I have so many that cannot be regarded as frivolous and they can't defend.

In whatever he does he requires some backing because so many are out to get him. With what I've alid out he can go upstairs, past Civil, and say, "these are the realities." He may or may not recommend reprocessing, which will cost much. He may or may not say that other files require searching. Or he may or may not seek other compromises which would disclose more.

No alternative is not worse than the one he proposes. There is no circumstance under which I will agree to it - or agree to your wasting any time in trying to reach any kind of compromise over it. period!

I feel strongly that these things require saying. I'm rushing it to you so you can read it and discuss it. I have not sent it directly to him, as you asked. In return I'm asking that you read it and react promptly. Unless there is something really horrible in it, which Rae and Lili may see if there is when they read it from copies Lili is making, I would like it in Shea's and Staalfe's hands as soon as possible.

What gives me most difficulty is his bland ignoring of my prior refusal to do as he asks. He had told me when I was in last, I thought it over and wrote him that what he asks is impossible, and he totally ignores that.

I'll be giving him more of his "never-ending" jazz as soon as I can, with current stuff. You apparently did not read the GSA stuff you didn't give me. It has files unsearched listed by number, one-sided copies of two-way correspondence and consists almost without exception of non-DJ copies of records responsive to my DJ request. I'll pour as much on as I can to give him problems (which can help him) over his unfortunate wordings. I think he'll understand but if he doesn't, so be it.

I'll also write him personally as soon as some local situations are contended with. Lila case, by prearrangement, yesterday, so I stopped to meet her and to take her back to the bus. There was a sudden change in the alkalinity of the pool water, which could be hurtful to people and impeded chlorination, so I also had to get tests made, learn what had to be done and then find the materials locally. And I much need some exercise.

Much of this may hit Staalfe by surprise. It was a mistake not to keep him informed. Whether or not he will want to play this straight, as I would hope, fairness to him required it, as did any hope that he would refuse to be party to any more dirty tricks.

Hastily,