

JFK - Murkin

Dear Jim,

6/6/80

"They" are preparing to do a number on me. My information is sketchy, incomplete but dependable.

"They" includes Civil and FBI, up high, not on the level of those we deal with.

They may or may not go through with it. I believe it is wise to assume they will try.

They also have Green figured as too timid to do anything, which I've believed for some time, as you know, when I said we have to give her a choice of evils. Meaning evils as she may see them, not for real.

Therefore I want to do something simple to give them a correct reading.

We have never done anything about the inventories of King records in the belief that when Shea said I'd get them I would. More than enough time has passed and we must assume that we will not get them voluntarily.

These will disclose the pertinent holdings of all field offices and more, will disclose the actual extent of the operations against King, something not disclosed in what has been released. They are very vulnerable on this. Moreover, they are MURKIN records from the two samples I did get. I believe both are in the case record. The first is the Chicago King response and the second is the directive to Dallas and its JFK response, which refers to MURKIN.

I believe it is important to do this as rapidly as possible, a short and pointed motion merely referring to the proofs in the record and Quin's letter. You can't do it too soon. If they are considering, they must have more in the balance before they read the scale.

Consistent with this I expect that they are now deciding whether to ask for an en banc review in the Spectro case or going up on cert. They may do the same with the new copyright decision. These will spread no thinner, their game for years, to prevent my writing. There is no legal issue to be decided in the Spectro case, perhaps one of the reasons ^{for} handing it down so late.

The New Orleans inventories are pertinent in 75-1996 and 78-0420(0322)

The single directive to Dallas included both subjects, King and JFK, so I presume the others did. There were at least two directives for inventories, with at least two Congressional committees active.

The Chicago response. Not recorded in MURKIN, of 12/12/75, is captioned "MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., BUDED: DECEMBER 12, 1975. It refers to BUDEL of 12/9/75. I can't remember where I have the Dallas records filed. I do not find extra copies in the subject file and Rae has gone for the weekend. It may be 89-43-9952, attached to my 7/20/78 King appeal. My copy is misfiled. I found a reference to it. We never got any Memphis one but it should be very important and not destroyed. Can you imagine the consequences of our getting these? ... I do this in haste because if the thunderstorm ends in time I'll take it to the post office, the only way mail can get out before Monday night without going through the Baltimore slowdown.