

Dear Jim, FBI/King withholdings

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Lil and I each flubbed the same thing, minor but of possible interest.

She was copying while I was out chopping ice. I guess this is why she forgot until we were looking at Abby Mann's rewriting of the King career.

When Ossie Davis made his first appearance on last night's show Lil said he was named in the OPR records she had copied. I asked her how. She said there was a reference to the information received from Ossie Davis.

I don't suppose that by then there was a chance of her recalling which of the number of volumes she'd copied this was in.

But I didn't think to ask her if she could. I should have.

My excuse is that I was swollen again in both legs and thighs last night, first time in a while. It took me some time to realize that this might be fluid retention. When I did think of it I took a diuretic.

It worked. All night long. I hope I'm not too tired today because I have snow to shovel after daylight and I have to stay up for the last of the Mann acts and then get up early tomorrow to catch the bus.

However, it might be a good idea to bear in mind that all those who speak to the FBI are not necessarily informants of telling it things it should not know. I know nothing of Davis' political beliefs.

I am sure that many of the Memphis blacks who gave the FBI information reflected in the sanitation and Invaders files had good motive, like letting it know how bad the situation was. Some, who finked, could have felt they were doing otherwise. An example is college officials and employees who were worried about the sit-ins of militants.

So I'm not making accusations against Davis.

I don't know.

Best,