

Dear Jim,      Your meeting with Civil Division Thursday      1/22/78

If they are for real in wanting something from my notes with which to lean on the FBI perhaps I came to it last night. It is the kind of thing I expected to find in my letters to the FBI on compliance, not in these notes. It is the Goble sections and a few of those of Higgins. The Sections are 70-73, perhaps not all but two or one of them. It is the part where I lost my cool and wrote "ohn. This will also be helpful if there is a dispute over the stipulations, because I declared my intentions clearly: no fooling around of I have no interest in helping you.

The withholdings are so outrageous that in a Section that includes the book articles they withhold the names in those articles.

It is also powerful stuff vs OPR and Lane's concoctions. Frame-Up was totally accurate on Redditt and Richmond, whose names are withheld even though I had published them. And the yanking of Reditt was from a Senate committee call.

I'm going to Section 74 next, when I finish this.

A caution in all of this: let us not get bogged down in the specifics of minor instances of non-compliance and forget the broad principle, that they have deliberately gutted what they have released, knew it when they were doing it, ignored my regular specification of improper withholding, and now claim to be able to perpetuate it on the ground that it would cost too much.

I think we insist on a new review of the whole thing. Maybe we compromise later but when I'm finished with this we insist on the whole thing being made public. If they can have the defamations of all the black men and women identified as blacks they can't claim to withhold minor embarrassment from phoney records or accurate ones relating to white men and women.

The offenses are worse following the Bell and Schaffer statements of policy.

These sections are also powerful on Ray's rights, as they are on how he lied to us and how McRae's orders were not followed. These hold enough to reopen at the right time, the move for which could not be made until I have finished a draft of the book. This would be required for any in-court or similar use anyway. But if there were a way for Howard to join in this we could do something historic.

I wrote you about the Ray lies. They confirm my belief for the past several years, that we can do more without association of any kind with him/them.

Hastily,