

Dear Jim, Compliance in 75-1996; Memphis clippings files 8/20/77

Today 1179 pages of clippings came. I've gone through them. They refer to the sending of ~~many~~ many clippings to Washington that we did not obtain from the FBIHQ files. The clippings are not important, but the notes and names about them might well be. Particularly for the period of the evidentiary hearing.

If these files are complete they didn't clip most of the stories on the evidentiary hearing. Nothing on the prosecution case.

Maybe I'm too suspicious but I think Memphis purged these and then numbered them to make it appear that they did not. One clue is that on some the only thing really clear is the number. Added, I think, by Hester. When I think of all the unclear serial numbers I've looked at and complained about and then file copies appear I can't make out the date of the clipping as written or typed on the FBI's form for it, with the names of the papers only partly visible, and see these serials nice and clear and black, I sure do get suspicious.

Keep this in mind. Don't make an issue of it now. But there is no doubt that these were not in the later Sections. I'll have to check the 44-38861 Subs to be sure but I don't recall any of that late date in it. Could be.

That is all that came today. I can only wonder why it took so long after they finished the HQ files to merely copy newspaper stories all mounted on paper of the same size.

There is no point in copying these so I've not done it. As I've spotted a story or two you might not have I've marked them for copying for you.

If you believe the FBI they have no single story on "one's intrusions into this case. With what he said of them and the investigation.

As a copy of it shows the check came today.

I have a good tired feeling tonight. In nine of what I suppose you could call formal walks, as distinguished from walking I have to do, I walked 8250 yards today. This is more than since whatever happened happened. The tops of my feet burn a bit but I'll go to bed soon. Perhaps getting out of the tougher Jobst supports and into nylon ones will ease that.

I'm not pushing it too hard. But I'm breaking up the day much to do this walking. I have faith in its importance. It is more impressive if I say that I did the equivalent of walking the length of a football playing field more than 82 times. In miles it is not quite 5.

I'm going to have to find transportation to and from Washington to get measured for another pair of supports. I'm continuing to lose weight so these may need replacing and it is inconvenient having but a single set to wash nightly so they can dry by morning. Checked with John. His schedule seems to be permanent.

Lila called last night. She is getting a car, too. Her dad is buying it and Kim's dad could get a better deal. They'll both be here this coming Friday evening. I'll ask them to take a big box of stuff to you. If they are too tired after driving from Erie can you pick it up at AU if they phone you and tell you where?

A very nice thing happened today. I don't know if you have met our friend Jerry McNight, of the Hood history faculty. They were over for dinner last night. They live not far away now, as I think I've told you. Although Jerry has just moved in and has much to do he came here today and moved by hand for me for more than two hours. His idea. I did not ask. A couple of hours later he called with good news of his own: contract to buy the house he left in Greenbelt. I had moved yesterday and the day before. Each time, although I did less the second time, was a bit much.



When you go through the last batch of the HQ file you will find that toward the end, which probably means at the top of that box, some of the copies are pale. If they are too pale let me know the numbers and I'll make new copies for you. What happened is that we ran out of toner for the machine. The reason is that the supplier did and just did not tell me. The service man was due and did not come - vacation. But nobody called. I did yesterday morning and was firm. So they came with enough to hold us and I spent a heavy day copying. Other stuff. Yours were done first.

By and large the machine is excellent. This paper was wasted when she was copying the Time, Inc file for you because it was a poor carbon on red paper. And we've been promised a service, meaning merely cleaning and checking call Monday.

If Mike Keller's story is accurate Art Hanes Sr. lied about the material at the hearing. I did not notice it then. He testified that while he believed the extradition treaty precluded Ray's extradition he heeded Ray's importunings and waived appeal. Now I ~~learned~~ learned on him heavily about this when we confronted on Channel 5 in NYC, the tips Foreman fled. He then said that he talked Ray out of it because it looked bad, that Ray would have a better public-relations image if he returned and was tried. You have the tape of that show, I think. I have a station tape if you do not. Groden made one on a cassette.

I guess this happened when I was on one of my missions to arrange for witnesses.

I've run out of file space again for the King records. I have some shifting to do. It'll stack until it rains. When I can't walk outside I'll put that effort in on steps, down and up, to move the earlier King Sections. I had anticipated this and do have provision in a separate file cabinet.

If you don't get a copy of the court records in John Henry Falk's suit vs. Mark Hanes et al let me know. I'm sure I can arrange it through Jim Tague. Bud should be able to if not from Falk through Mary.

Today's mail also held copies of the long series the Danish paper DT did on the JFK assassination. I've just glanced at them. Looks like about 20 different articles. But I don't read Danish. They probably ~~sent~~ sent Bud a set. One piece had his picture. I suppose that means one article was on him. Danish newspapers are what you might expect from their innovations in porn. They carry pictures of women without bras.

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