

To Quin Shea from "arold Weisberg JFK records appeals 11/5/78

Enclosed are a copy of the FBI's letter to me relating to several requests and my reply, which I send as an appeal. The FBI letter is dated 11/3, mine 11/4.

In some instances the appeal is protective.

Once again there is reason to believe that the FBI really is addressing what it has described as its backlog. With two of these requests dating to the first of 1968 they are back enough.

With some of the items I have taken time for detailed explanations.

If you require added explanations please let me know.

Please note that once again I have informed Mr. McCreight that the information he conveys to me, which I presume is not of his personal knowledge, is not precisely accurate.

MLK records - informants

Since writing you about this I have received a considerable amount of added information. I will be putting it together.

There is no reasonable doubt that the FBI turned these informants over to the House committee and none that during that time the FBI was in contact with its informants.

The name of one of the last two FBI agents to be in touch with Oliver Patterson is Dennis Mattes, St. Louis Field Office, this past August.

Patterson says he also wrote the FBI, including a letter in which he claims he did not want to be an informant for the committee. He stated this in a recorded and transcribed interview with those of the committee staff engaged in ~~his~~^{its} self-investigation. The committee staff people did not dispute the representation.

He also gave an account of stealing a letter I wrote to Jerry Ray relating to the present status of the King case, of reading it to two committee investigators named Conrad Beetz and Mel Waxman and of providing the committee with a Xerox copy of my letter. I ask if the committee provided it to the FBI. Or Department.

This was in April, at the same time he stole the map of which you are aware. He then also stole two letters James Earl Ray wrote to Jerry Ray relating to James' plans for his own effort to defend himself. I ask if these were given to the FBI or Department by the committee.