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Dear Jim,

6/5/80

There has never been any search for compliance with the Surveillance Items of the 12/25/75 request. I have filed a number of appeals to which there has been no response. At one point we got a letter from Shea in which he states that search of the HQ electronic indices was negative. This is meaningless as well as evasive. The Items include all forms of surveillance, specifically informant and third-party coverage. Without any doubt all forms are involved and my appeals include proofs of them.

These, I think, should be brought to Bill Cole's attention, one also to Dan Metcalfe's because it is now beyond reasonable question that he will not be able to keep his word, which we accepted in good faith. Both can get copies of the detailed and documented appeals I provided to Shea. Now that Rae has gone home to care for her seriously ill grandmother all except urgently necessary searches are beyond my capacity. (Additionally, all of this, as it pertains to me, is within my 1975 PA request the appeal on which also is ignored as of today.)

In about February 1968 when I was in New Orleans investigating Oswald's career there, I was awakened about 9 a.m. by a call from Harv Morgan, a friend who then had the top rated west coast talk show. Because his show had ended two hours earlier I knew he should have been asleep, so before accepting the call I got out of bed and got the tape recorder I had with me for interviews. When I was prepared to tape I accepted the call. He told me that another person wanted to inform me of an alleged Mafia threat against Jim Garrison, with considerable detail immediately available.

After the conversation was over I awakened the New Orleans Police Department detective assigned to the DA's office as chief investigator. Garrison was off on a speaking trip. This detective, Louis Ivon, came to my motel immediately, heard the tape, and decided that it had to be taken seriously. I told him I would do nothing without an OK but that I believed the FBI should be informed. He said he wanted those in charge in Garrison's absence to hear the tape first and for them to make the decisions. It was 11 a.m. N.O. time or a little later when I was told I could phone the FBI. I did.

Some FBIHQ records are disclosed in the general JFK releases, some in my C.A. 78-

0522. Some records remain withheld ~~and~~ and not accounted for. Those that are disclosed include times, the time I informed the FBI N.O. and the time FBIHQ first knew.

It turns out that FBIHQ knew before the time I phoned the N.O. field office.

This pretty clearly indicates that there was electronic surveillance in New Orleans. How else could it have informed FBIHQ about two hours before I informed it?

The general JFK releases are loaded ~~with~~ <sup>with</sup> fabricated, exaggerated and distorted and false records that were disclosed despite my prior request to be able to exercise my rights under PA, addressed to both the FBI Director and the Attorney General. My appeals include a number of them. There has never been any response. One alleges that I had a personal relationship with a Soviet national in the Washington embassy. This is not true and can be only a distortion of the product of some form of surveillance.

I was a correspondent - and the Soviets stole every story idea on which I requested assistance at the time we were war partners.

The USIA asked me to challenge Khrushchev to peaceful competition in  poultry husbandry and cooking after I won first prize for the U.S. in both, and I did. It also asked that I invite  the Khrushchevs to our farm and that I arrange for Soviet agricultural attaches to examine a feed plant, which I did. And the State Department asked me if I would go to the USSR and teach them how to raise better chickens, to which I agreed. These are among the normal contacts I had and I had no other than normal contacts.

The surveillance items in C.A. 75-1996 are not limited to what relates directly to the assassination of Dr. King.

What is disclosed in the inventories, including the recently provided OPR King inventories, discloses that a search of FBIHQ indices is not a real search for electronic surveillances alone.

No search, other than of FBIHQ electronic surveillance indices, is even claimed.

After examining the OPR inventories I was able to inform Shea of files in which pertinent records are hidden, like "admat" or administrative matters files, including those beginning with 66. These appeals also have no response.

Sincerely,

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