

abstracts

To Gail Shea from Harold Weisberg, re PA request 5/28/80

It has been more than a year, perhaps as much as two years, since you agree that you would give my PA appeal - of 1975 re FBI and 1976 re DJ components - priority attention. Since then you have been silent. Certainly there are not many older matters in your backlog. If any on which you have not acted at all.

In including PA material in the appeal I started 5/23/80 I had not come to the records I retrieved in checking the abstracts for Serials 5834, 5835, 5837-9.

I filed separate PA requests with each of the FBI's field offices. Ms. Barrett is away this week. When she returns I'll ask her to check these records against what I received from them and will inform you separately.

The abstract for 5834 reminds me that more than seven months after the Ray guilty plea, on 10/21/69, the Memphis field office was told to "advise Tenn. officials handling King murder of info from Dept, background on Weisberg..."

The underlying record is an airtel to Memphis said to have attached what is not attached, an ISB letter of 10/15/69. A ^{different} copy of that letter, without any added notations is Serial 5439. I request a copy of the attachment and of the Memphis and Savannah copies, with any annotations not removed. These should have been provided in response to my PA request, so this is an appeal, not a new request.

He informed Memphis and Savannah that my 1969 FOIA request for King assassination was not acknowledged. Both were informed that neither J.E. Stoner nor I were being interviewed "In view of the nature of the information in the (not) attached letter..." That information is Stoner's allegation that, in the formulation of the letter, the FBI offered two men \$25,000 to kill Dr. King. My recollection is not clear, after all these years, but it is that two men Stoner believed were FBI informants offered him the money to have King killed. Either formulation, with the indication that Stoner would use this in the projected habeas corpus, is what ordinarily would be investigated.

The copy of the underlying record provided in C.A. 75-1996 does not include directions to inform unnamed Tennessee officials about my alleged background. It concludes with what has not been provided and I appealed earlier, "Information furnished Tennessee

state authorities is to be confirmed in writing."

What was told or gave to any Tennessee authorities is of more than personal interest to me because it constituted an intrusion into the processes of justice. I was Ray's investigator and did the investigating for the habeas corpus and the evidentiary hearing. My work was entirely untouched by the FBI or State, too. It remains uncontested.

What the FBI dragged up from its sewer of fabrications and distortions also is pertinent, from the sampling I've received of its viciousness and dishonesty.

All of the information I provided in the past is not here repeated, but I do remind you that I did not ask for an interview at ISD, of which I did not even know then. I was asked to go there by Criminal, which made the appointment, because of information I had pertaining to violations of the neutrality act by mercenaries. The abstract for 5835 includes the FBI's denial of the allegations and repeats that I sought the interview.

Serial 5837 is an airtel ~~in~~ ^{from} Memphis of 10/27/69 enclosing a copy of the SAC's letter of that date to the District Attorney General. It does not include what is dissected in the abstract for Serial 5834.

Serial 5838 is the 10/20/69 Rosen to DeLoach memo, intended for cover, that is false cover-the-During paper. It informed him that "This is obviously an attempt by Weisberg and Stoner to discredit the Bureau ..." This is false and a deliberate fabrication. As the ISD letter states, I indicated that this would be used at the habeas corpus proceeding, which is to say that even in their formulation I was alerting and warning the Bureau through the Department.

The notations on the copies provided, particularly of 5839, are not legible. I would appreciate copies in which what was added can be made out. One appears to refer to what can be a phone communication.

The copy of 5839 is not like the others in that at the top "Doc #23" is added. This appears to indicate that there are not fewer than the 22 earlier pertinent records none of which have been provided.

I am particularly interested in knowing if the FBI got any of its fabrications and distortions to the judge in the Tennessee case, as I have reason to believe it did.

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