

Mr. Richard Huff, Co-Director
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Department of Justice
Washington, D.C. 20535

Dear Mr. Huff,

re FBI FOIPA 245,852

In recent correspondence relating to the King assassination and related records I informed you that I had made requests that were ignored and filed timely appeals that also were ignored, for many years, matters in which Mr. Lesar did not represent me. I remember referring you to one lengthy and detailed appeal in particular. I've heard nothing in response from you. One of these requests that together with its appeal has been ignored for at least five and more likely six years is for the information provided to the House Select Committee on Assassination. You may recall that I wrote you and dropped the part of that request relating to JFK assassination records because Mark Allen had filed suit for and was receiving them and was providing me with copies of records of interest to me.

I've just gotten from Mr. Lesar a copy of Mr. Hall's letter of 1/18/85 to him, granting me a 30% waiver of fees and assigning a 1985 number to this ancient request. (In this regard I remind you again of the Department's representations to the courts that I need never sue, that when my request is reached it is complied with. My request was filed before Mr. Allen filed his. He receives records through litigation and I received nothing at all when I was not able to file suit.)

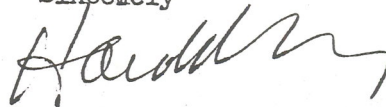
I have not seen Mr. Lesar's 1/9/85 letter to Mr. Hall, I presume because Mr. Lesar has been that busy. I presume also, in the absence of knowledge, that Mr. Lesar intended reminding Mr. Hall of my old and ignored request when King assassination records were involved in the processing for Allen.

The Department awarded me a complete fee waiver with regard to records relating to both assassinations and I was to have been provided with copies of relevant records processed for any other requester. There came a time when William Cole, of the Civil Division, recommended that this fee waiver be withdrawn. His recommendation, a copy of which was, I believe, attached to what I sent your office, consists of fabrications that appealed to him for reasons best known to him. In any event, I received no response, and this is the long letter I refer to above and referred to earlier, and if there was an official as distinguished from a Cole revocation, I am not aware of it now. Nor am I aware of any reasons today that alter the conditions existing when this complete fee waiver was granted. If I err, will you please correct me?

As I do not accept a 1985 stonewalling number for a 1979 (approx) request, I also do not accept Mr. Hall's decision to waiver 30%. His letter is undoubtedly correct in stating that many if not most of the 4,100 pages have already been disclosed to me. If you do not now want to address the overall matter I suggest a compromise that will cost the FBI even less. I'll settle for records not disclosed to me earlier. The FBI knows which files were processed for me and not copying them is a simple matter for it. However, I would like what was not disclosed to me earlier, whatever files it comes from.

cc: J.H. Lesar

Sincerely



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