

Mr. Richard W. Huff
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Dear Mr. Huff,

Jim Lesar has sent me your three letters to him relating to appeals 88-1608, 1744 and 1277, the first with two redacted pages intact.

These relate to the investigations of the assassinations of President Kennedy and Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

With regard to the withholdings of the names of FBI special agents you ignore the sworn representations to the courts in my litigation by the FBI itself when you withhold these names under 7(C). In addition to the letter by then Director Kelley stating that in historical cases these names would not be withheld, the FBI provided an affidavit by then case supervisor Martin Woods in which he stated this to be the FBI policy, to provide those names in historical cases. And, in fact during the course of this litigation, such names were provided to me and placed in the FBI's public reading room.

Does the word of FBI directors beginning with J. Edgar Hoover mean so little to you now? Is this the kind of record you want to leave, of the directors making one representation, publicly and to the courts, and of having bureaucrats making liars of them? Does the sworn word of the FBI to the courts mean so little to you?

And aren't you even a little ashamed of withholding those names under spurious "privacy" claims when you (plural) have already disclosed these very same names - and to me?

Would you feel better if I were to dig out the lists of those names disclosed to me, complete with home addresses and phone numbers, and send you copies?

Have you people nothing better to do than make sport of the law and fritter time and taxpayers money away in such a ridiculous, self-characterizing way?

As you may recall, I am not now physically in a position to do it, but how would you look were I to file suit and get up and give the courts the copies of these lists of names, office and phone numbers and even home addresses?

With regard to these withholdings and those on the two pages attached (88-1608) I ask a) are you not withholding what you have already disclosed and b) do you ever check to see if you are withholding what you have already disclosed?

Do you know what the House committee itself disclosed?

Do you (plural) even consult the indices of what it disclosed that I provided?

Or are you back again to where you withhold the names from newspaper clippings in your phony "privacy" claims?

Will you please come into contact with reality and integrity and look at these things again?

Sincerely,

Harold Weisberg