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Dear Sylvia,

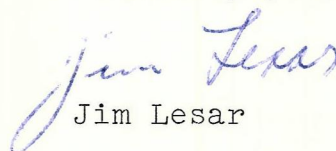
I am sending you three items under separate cover. One is a speech delivered by Assistant Attorney General Robert C. Mardian on Law Day. As you are no doubt aware from recent news accounts, the "Justice" Department has taken to playing around with past political assassinations as a way of justifying wiretaps and other forms of domestic espionage. The original remarks by Mitchell a few weeks back seemed to contradict past official theories of the assassinations, inasmuch as it is rather difficult to see how you can wiretap a lone assassin, particularly if he doesn't have a telephone. Mardian, however, seems to have worked out the logical corollary of the lone assassin theory: if lone madmen commit political assassinations, then only a kind of cradle to grave espionage system in which absolutely everyone is kept under constant surveillance can save us.

The second item is a copy of the recent 6th Circuit opinion on the James Earl Ray civil suit to void the contracts with his former attorneys and William Bradford Huie. The dissent by Judge Miller on the last xerox page may turn out to be quite helpful when we get to federal court on a habeas corpus.

The third item is a memorandum entitled "The FBI and the Assassination of President Kennedy". I would very much appreciate it if you could take the time to read it and let me know your opinion of it. Is it honest, accurate, properly handled? Would you advise making it available to a congressman, say Hale Boggs? Are the citations properly handled? Are there any facts which are incorrect or which are clearly misconstrued?

I am hoping that you will not be so busy that you can't give some response to these ~~w~~ questions, even if it is only to indicate whether your general reaction to this memorandum is positive or negative.

Sincerely yours,

  
Jim Lesar