

Dear Jim, Personal Files-State and-

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I will be giving you what I have received from State together with what I have written in response. The response is very long, in two parts. The first in shock, the second after a single but careful reading in which I made notes. I recommend against your taking time to read either now, saving that time for when it is time.

I do want you to know that this is all very helpful. The "azi mind has not yet adjusted to the law and the civil mind has not yet taken power away from the storm-trooper mind. So they are arrogant and in obvious and deliberate non-compliance. If another and more careful reading may disclose more specifics, I have more than enough, specific citations to specific records not provided plus a record of a permanent duplicate deposit, retrievable now.

This files shows that RSA had a file on me beginning not later than 1955. I did not go into that more because it is so beautiful. If it is connected with anything it is with what USIA wanted me to do and I did do, to the Department's excited agreement. But no department records. I challenged Khrushchev to peaceful competition in poultry. He against the whole USSR agriculture. He almost came to Hyattstown, too. The Department called me. Then he could not and Mrs. K would if something in Virginia was over in time. It did not happen but there are records.

No records of my suing them, 718-70.

I ask for copies of regulations and they talk to the spooks and send me no regulations.

What is really shocking is not so much that they faked up a dishonest investigation, which they did and can't hide, but that they were trying to fire me without any basis the year before and memory-holed all references to and record of my firing and did not develop any of the twistable records. My hunch there is that the FBI feared letting them come up at a hearing because they are all rubbish with one exception: I was a close friend of Marcantonio's, as Bill also became. They dare not disclose spying on a Member. Whose record, incidentally, is Merlin's, of almost remembering the future. Just about all he stood for has come to pass and become national policy and law.

Even their crooked investigation provided no basis for firing me.

There is much that is interesting, a fantastic study of the "azi mind in government investigations, the Otepka Syndrome (He was there then, too.) The former head of a government agency involved in the war effort only raved. Her name is hidden but it can be nobody else. She'd stake her life on me. She was then in the Executive Office, her agency having been absorbed by a larger one and the war then over. She is long dead. She was as old or probably older than my mother. She was a wonderful old gal and we did do things together. I recall enough. They are as patriotic and ~~happy~~ loyal as can be and I can tick them off with no possibility of cross-examination if necessary. When my memory is good it is very good and on parts of this despite the passing of more than 30 years I'll specify the weather and they can check the Weather Bureau.

These records also show that the FBI lies deliberately to other agencies, even in security investigations. Imagine them saying they had no records on me when they tried to get me indicted in the Dies case alone! I have the record of their saying no record. And imagine the State spooks reporting on the Dies case without reference to the grand jury or the court action. Even going to the Washington Post to check their morgue and omitting the stories on this or on my firing or on the end of that? Can you believe that State has no record of the page-one story syndicated by the Herald-Tribune? Or that Mrs. Ogden Reid, the owner, was interested by Arnold of Fortas and assigned Bert Andrews, a Pulitzer from this or before it, which is what really did the job for us? Naturally they can't produce that because Hoover himself said there was nothing on us except that if we worked for him he'd have told some of us we were seeing people he thought we should not. With me this was the people they hired, not I, and on hiring me put me to work with them.