

PAFFBI Damages

Dear Jim,

10/12/81

On 60^m minutes last night and by an AP story in today's local paper I learned for the first time that there need not be publication, in the sense of printing, for there to be libel. The case is that of the Alton papers and the \$,9,000,000 judgement.

If what is ~~was~~ true in Illinois also is true here, then does this give me the first handle I've had on doing something about the dirty tricks the FBI played on me?

Much of what is so dirty and was so hurtful is merely distortion, exaggeration or misrepresentation, But some is fabrication and it was distributed unchecked. In fact, the presumed source refused even to see the FBI. I have those records.

Distribution of the fabrication that I and I annually celebrated the Russian revolution was to the White House and AGs and DAGs, at the least. I'm not certain whether this is included in the great amount of poison put out for the press and others in the general JFK releases or whether it was excised in all copies. I think it was disclosed. But it was within the government.

Of course I was aware that this stuff existed and was hurtful but I was not aware that without printing there could be libel. (Or broadcasting.)

Let me know what you think, Aside from the amount of work you can visualize in it,

Also, what do you think of discovery in it and what that might yield.

And refusal to act on my requests and appeals that are pertinent. Plus withholding what is pertinent and I know exists, like the canard that I had some kind of personal association in the Soviet Embassy.

If this decision does make something possible, it is something I want to do.

best,

