

Personal

3/9/76

Senator Richard Schweiker
Room 347 Old Senate Office Bldg.
Washington, D.C.

Dear Dick,

Last night's news of your committee's release of about 1,000 pages of documents dealing with improper intelligence-agency domestic activities is gratifying. My immediate purpose in writing is to obtain a set of these documents. If a book writer and publisher does not qualify for press copies, please let me know the cost and I'll send a check.

If this is any way connected with my last October's suggestion for duces tecum subpoenas I'm more gratified still.

Then I suggested that you particularly ask for the files on me. As I then told you, I have some, a tiny part of what I know exists. The CIA's response, after initial lying and stonewalling, was limited compliance. The FBI has yet to make ~~any~~ any response. It first ignored the request entirely. Pretended it did not exist when I inquired and Kelley's people led him into lying about it in a letter.

The CIA's time for response to appeal expired January 16. Since then I have nudged them a few times, as yet without acknowledgement. When Jim Learer has time, if by then there has not been real compliance, we'll file under FOIA and PA and I'm inclined to think also for damages. I think it is possible that under discovery I'll be able to show and obtain what may not yet be known.

So, I have added interest in being able to study the released documents.

If your committee asked Justice and the FBI for King assassination records, unless they have lied to us they have not ~~really~~ really complied because they are assessing search fees. If they had made any kind of search for a committee there would be no basis for charging any applicant for it. One of the divisions estimated the time required for the search would amount to a week of professional work. I've paid the amount asked. Other units have not yet responded, having had only months. I expect to hear from two more in Justice and the FBI.

There may be a difference in my case: I was able to pinpoint requests, specifying exactly what I want.

When we get to the CIA, I'll be able to specify some units with files on me not included in their alleged search. By this I mean with records to cite.

Thanks for anything you can do. It can help.

Sincerely,

Harold Weisberg