

Dear Jim, About 75-1996 status call 11/2/77 and attached records 10/30/77

I will have extra copies of some with me. I'll not mail them now because it would make a bulky Sunday package.

With regard to the ISD memo on me I have a minor error in the note. I was there a second time, but only because they had not sent me the copy of the indictment they had promised to send. I have provided these records to Hartingh so there is no need for giving Dugan one. Besides, I'd rather have him admit in court that his client keeps him uninformed and that he repeatedly makes representations in court based on no knowledge or prompted by withholding of necessary information. Compliance, in my view, is the present central issue in this case.

I also believe that this makes more relevant an immediate demand for the searching of all field offices files for anything relating to me or if you want to limit, to what is in any way, directly or indirectly, related to my work on the King assassination and the Ray case part of it.

Note: there was no justification for withholding and that this record was not provided until after I provided the FBI with copies of my records, including the covering letter to me from ISD and the first page of the indictment. This limits the reasons for withhold, not the spurious claims made. This is true, I believe, of the Ray/Pepper surveillance record. In that case what the memo withholds from higher authority is also the exculpation of co-conspirators, because the records show they suspected the Peppers of financing Jimmy with money he spirited out of jail, and because John and Jerry, also suspected co-conspirators (note OPR report on this) were also at the Pepper residence, regularly. Jerry, in fact, is there now.

I'll have with me also copies of my notes on my interviews with Hemming and Howard. Illegible as they are the plot against Haiti and Nigeria, which I'd forgotten, are quite clear. I have more on him and violation of the "neutrality" Act, when I was under no restrictions. The Florida indictment is 76-371-Cr-GA. I'll have three copies with me so even how useless my information so long in advance really was to the FBI, so you can really make out a case of intense prejudice. It took the DJ seven years to catch up with my offer of evidence. How useless can my information be to that kind of FBI and ISDF? And remember, it began with Criminal, which claims to have no records on me.

As I remember it my tape, which I offered Morris, includes the allegation of CIA support. Now as a result of his discovery I understand from Hemming via a mutual friend that he has obtained about 5,000 pages. So there is motive for federal games playing with these records and with me. Hemming's defense is clearly that he was acting for the government if I recall the records I'm not now taking time to read so I can go over as much as possible of what I've not yet seen.

The ISD original letter does not in any sense justify the FBI's fabrications based on it. Quite the opposite, it makes clear I was completely accurate and that the Stoner defense against the indictment now is that the FBI framed him. He has said it. He placed me under no restrictions and gave me permission to use his source, Al Lingo, then the racist head of the Alabama state police, who received the FBI's reports from those informants and according to Stoner showed them to Stoner.

Aside from motive with regard to me and the fabrication of false and deliberately prejudicial records there is the fact that in both cases there have been indictments, in one case federal and in the other with acknowledged federal assistance -7 and 8 years later.

Now on the "tramp" picture and the sketch I gave the FBI, I now can tie them with the Mexico City fake picture, the diversionary one rather than any artist's conception or the one prepared in Memphis. I'll try to have my pix along. You have my originals from JP. I think it would be helpful to the judge and to Dugan. They are withholding from a number of field offices on that and there is a specific request for pictures of other suspects about which the FBI swore falsely and Dugan misrepresented to the court.

This will be disjunct because I'm having to stop and walk on so nice a day. I'll stop walking and make additions as they occur.

Encl used are two clippings from today's Post. One refers to the Sacco-Vanzetti case the other to book publishing. It is not to compare Ray with the martyrs that I include this. Rather to the need for full disclosure in historical cases so that this trauma may be relieved. The first part of the publishing letter begins with what is applicable in the Time, Inc., matter, control by wealth and how it limits what is available to the country. Then under Marina there is the amount of money she is getting out of this and approval of it. This is commentary. I am criticized for seeking evidence only to make it available and there is approval for Marina's become a witnesses against her husband, for a payoff of not only money, when she was a witness to nothing.

I'll have extra copies of what I'm mailing with me. Already made and in marked folder.

At the moment my head is not functioning well. I did a little work, little and all light, and it was a bit much. I've phoned the McKnights to see if any of them is going into town to mail this because from the way I feel now I'd better not drive. However, it is still close to 3 1/2 hours before the last in-town mail pickup on Sundays. Anyway, if there is more that I had in mind and I think of it I'll add it or tell you later.

I'm pretty sure that what I had in mind is that given the time limitations at a status call and the vast amount of non-compliance you'll have to content yourself pretty much to generalities but might be able to use a few pointed specifics, particularly because there is apparent relevance of some to the Louz/Life matter and because the integrity of the Departmental and FBI word is the question on compliance. With me it is now clear they are never honest.

There is another aspect to all of this. They say that they put everything they give me in a reading room where it is available to all. So months ago I prove to them that there are fabricated and utterly defamatory records about me. I accompany it with ~~xxx~~ proofs. I receive no response. I appeal with withholding of the letter that triggered it all and I do not receive that. Now that they have come to what they want to be considered the end they provide that letter. It turns out that there is no basis in it for the FBI's malevolence and that it says exactly what I wrote and told the FBI after I received part only, the vicious part. Meanwhile, all this time, all that despicable and malicious fabrication is freely and uncorrected available to all. Simultaneously I am denied my rights under PA to correct these records simply by non-compliance, which still continues. As of now I have not received all and I have specified wide areas of continued withholdings.

Nice people, even today!

Memorandum

TO : Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation

DATE: October 15, 1969

FROM : *[Signature]* J. Walter Yeagley
Assistant Attorney General
Internal Security Division

SUBJECT: Harold Weisberg

Mr. Tolson	_____
Mr. DeLoach	_____
Mr. Mohr	_____
Mr. Bishop	_____
Mr. Casper	_____
Mr. Callahan	_____
Mr. Conrad	_____
Mr. Felt	_____
Mr. Gale	_____
Mr. Rosen	_____
Mr. Sullivan	_____
Mr. Tavel	_____
Mr. Trotter	_____
Tele. Room	_____
Miss Holmes	_____
Miss Gandy	_____

On June 13, 1969 Harold Weisberg, a free-lance writer who resides at Route 8, Frederick, Maryland, requested an interview with a Departmental attorney.

Later the same day he visited this Division and discussed certain Haitian exile revolutionary activities. He again visited this Division on October 8, 1969 and continued his discussion of Haitian exile activities. The information he furnished regarding those activities was of no value.

During the course of the interview on October 8, 1969, Mr. Weisberg advised that he had recently received a telephone call from J. B. Stoner, National Chairman of the National States Rights Party. He said that Stoner told him that two men in his Party formerly served as informants of the FBI. Stoner allegedly said that these two men are prepared to testify in court that the FBI offered them \$25,000 to frame James Earl Ray for the assassination of Martin Luther King, Jr. Mr. Weisberg said that the testimony presumably would be furnished in a habeas corpus proceeding.

This information is being forwarded as a matter of possible interest to your Bureau.

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