

Dear Jim,

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The Secret Service file on me disgorged through State would be amusing if it were not so fascistic in approach and content. What I ignore in the attached commentary I've sent Goff and State. FOIA/PA is the persisting high praise for my poultry, even from the university specialists.

I'm not as pointed as I might have been in addressing my alleged reputation for radicalism among my backward neighbors. To most of them my "radicalism" came from my Jewish birth. The rest came from my doing for what they regarded as personal property, the volunteer fire department, what they could not do themselves and what they opposed that needed doing, only some of which I've indicated.

Where there is real poison in this, I suspect, is what it led to when the FBI used it in defending against our helicopter suit.

While there is no telling what harm it could have done me then, in actuality there is little chance it was socially hurtful because I said all I could raise.

I can't believe that the Secret Service is not holding more back by merely searching the wrong files and not searching the right ones. They did have the local authorities spying on me after a military fabrication, that I was going to shoot me chopped down. I have a first-person account of this and I have seen some references in military reports on discovery in the second suit.

There are some interesting suggestions in this, like among other things the FBI having a comprehensive report on me and Lil. Why the two of us? Only from our friendships, my writing or their spying on Congressmen. Marcantonio would not be the only one. They will be reluctant to divulge these things or divulge completely.

This is probably the Secret Service record CIA says it asked an okay for giving me. Goff never replied to that. "either did ~~the~~ CIA mention it again.

Much more is going to come out in time. From the few Rosenberg records I've seen, as I think I've told you, I knew some of the people they were spying on, if only by accident or socially. Their records have to show them spying on me, if not directly on me, in such nefarious ventures as a party for Richard Wright in the apartment of one person spied on and driving Paul Robeson around in my car. I did drive him to the meeting mentioned in one of the Rosenberg reports. I think it was a peace meeting. That is pretty suspicious, of course, more so for one like me, a college pacifist and a practitioner of personal non-violence. Some will exempt words.

When you have cleaned other things up I suggest that instead of writing more letters you phone the various people and say that if they have not complied in full by whatever date you pick you will file a complaint.

Some of the omissions in this report may be innocent. Others cannot be. There is the inherent misrepresentation by the agent who told me otherwise, explicit on the card, that I asked to be a White House vendor. I did not and in fact I never did use that business method with the famous. Nothing wrong with it. I suppose now that I did not do it then because of the political paranoias. Guffith told me that Marie had asked for me to be okayed after she ate my birds at the Dulles party in her honor. The business of others having access to my stocks is contrived. It was done rarely and then only for the important people, like perhaps the Trujillos or one or two like that. I recall none but can't say it did not happen. Maybe a lobbyist's party or two, something like that. It was a Secret Service way of building a non-political objection in, as was the false allegation of giant untidiness. They covered themselves on this with the honesty of the universal praise for my product, including everything from health to appearance to cleanliness to taste. I'll give you the whole thing for copying. Too big a job for my machine with oil off. The stuff about her is pretty nasty but it may well be true that she was under "loyalty" suspicion because of me and Marcantonio if not from her membership in liberal consumers groups. The J. Edgar Hoover courtesy of the bottle of Cherry Heering is absolutely true. She and Marc were amused at the time and told me...One wonders what these monsters did to people's lives! Best,