

Dear Jim,

CSC files on you

10/4/77

I've made one hasty and oft-interrupted trip through these pages. If you'd like I'll do it again. I believe that in and of themselves they are not complete, ~~that~~ they make it probable the FBI held back on you, that at least some of the obliterations are not justifiable and that the 1974 interest is related to the Ray case, an impropriety.

The last comment relates to the form you put on the top. Your note ran off the upper edge of the page but that much I did make out. Did you give the VA legitimate cause to review your security file by 2/1/74? If not I'd suspect that VA's spooks were doing this for others.

I find the use of the word "testimony" on form 366 of 2/5/64 interesting. The obliteration under "miscellaneous is questionable. If I've learned the meanings of their marks someone originally intended to withhold more, last sentence first page, top second. You can probably fill in what was removed about you and picketing. If you were arrested or stopped and questioned or removed or asked to leave there would be no basis for withholding this from you.

On p. 2,2, line 6 the first withholding, which seems to have been done by another means than blacking out, appears to be the kind of information not subject to withholding. Lines 9 and 10, if it makes any difference to you, seem to withhold more than the name of a person. The rest, here they've substituted "Third Party," is ridiculous. For all the world as though you know nothing about the one whose cause you championed and about whom you wrote to newspapers.

Penultimate line suggests there could be FBI files on you under SNCC if not also YPSL.

The card that notes reference to the FBI just about assures it did not give you all. In larger type it says "Referred to FBI (Loyalty)" with the "asis" typed in as "Report of Investigation" and the date 2/26/64/

What I think this means is that the FBI did not give you all pending hearing from CSC and that pending hearing from CSC withheld anything indicative of there being CSC files. I'd go back to FBI and DJ or this.

These records make it appear that a decision not to use you had been reached prior to 2/26/64. I therefore seriously doubt that there was proper legal basis for a loyalty referral to the FBI merely because some spook did not like the company you then kept.

On IN308A this was recommended by CSC that same date/ The SF 73 is not here and there seems to be nothing showing "items from B2 through B5." The list attached to the covering letter does not include an ~~standard~~ F(orm) 73.

Have you asked the Peace Corps?

Best,