

Dear Jimmy,

10/25/86

Hasty response to your 10/23 because I'm tied up in other things.

I had a hunch that you'd gotten some Eist records from the FBI because out of the blue, I also got a few. From what you say you got a few I didn't get, so I'd appreciate it if you'd send me a copy of each one that you got so I can compare them. If by any slight change I got what you didn't, I'll send you a copy.


From what they call the completeness of file, I'd appreciate also a copy of the records showing that the charges against Percy were dismissed by DJ. Jim and I both knew the underlying story. We got it from the lawyer for the young man Percy sold out. He had airtight proof. Thought I'd told you that story long ago. Kid's name is Jon Kelly and his lawyer was his cousin, Jerry somethingorother. I have a suspicion that in the end they got to him, too. Brief summary: they got Kelly a job to keep him quiet and it gave him a chance to steal the proofs which, incredibly, had been left laying around!

You spotted the one thing in the Progressive story that was news to me, that your protector Foreman got Huie to leak that story to pressure you into copping a plea. I was always sure that Huie had done the leaking but I'd not suspected that Percy was behind it. I'm still not sure, although Huie seems to admit it. Have you thought of suing Huie over this? You'd do better for yourself than Percy did.

What will be your grounds for suing the committee? Aren't they immune in all official actions? Remember, and I'm sure you saw it, when Stokes started getting nasty with our boy Jim, whose major flaw is that he doesn't get mad enough, he got mad and dared Stokes to repeat what he'd said outside the committee room. Stokes didn't. ~~NOXX~~ He gave the chair up to Fauntroy instead.

There is one big gap in the Eist papers I got, as I now recall it. The story then is that others got in touch with HSCA, or with the FBI, and there were no such records. Also, there is no record indicating any FBI investigation before he testified or any record of their asking Scotland Yard for their opinion or evaluation. And there is no record indicating what I'm sure ~~the~~ the FBI thought of, comparing his story after he testified with their own records. I sent you copies of the ~~records~~ 1968 records they had which made it impossible to believe Eist.

Sincerely,



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Dear Harold:

I have your letter dated 29th September. A couple days after receiving it I heard from the FBI re Alexander Eist. According to the documents Eist contacted the bureau and said he was going to make a "financial move" (sell the confession apparently), but out of respect for the bureau wanted to speak to an agent. However two agents instead talked to Scotland yard and the yard told the bureau that: He (Eist), didn't know anything since he was never with me alone & if he did he would have reported it when he received the information. The yard went on to say that he was "disaffected and controversial and had been suspended from the yard for corruption, although a court later acquitted him--without a jury I believe. Anyway the agents then spoke to Eist and he told them I had confessed the MLK homicide to him--when he testified before the SC he said I didn't confess, rather told him a lot of incriminating things.

As to his testimony, the FBI document is dated 22 June 1978 which means the SC had access to it and knew Eist was lying. The documents won't help me much but when I later sue the committee (Stokes, Blakey & the clerk of the H or R), I'll attach the document as an exhibit.

I got a copy of the November issue of the "Progressive". I thought it was pretty good, although I see where Ramsey Clark changed his story: in 1979 he told Rev. Abernathy & others that he had second thoughts about the FBI investigation of the MLK case. As to FOIA suits, the FBI recently sent me the indictment papers on Percy Foreman. The Hunts payed him \$100,000 to hush up two clients. And Foreman told them if they testified they would end up dead. Subsequently all of the defendants were convicted of something except Percy. Griffin Bell authorized that all charges be dismissed against Percy. It appeared that Bell initiated the dismissal. Note in the Progressive article where Huey says Foreman had him leak a story to the press hoping it would influence me to cop a plea. Someone must have built a fire under Percy's fat ass to have him jumping around like he did to get the plea.

I sent Carol the address of the progressive and she can get a copy there. If not then I'll get a xerox from here later for her.

If I didn't mention it in the last letter Hosea Williams, Anna and a local reporter was on the Sally Jesse Raffell show discussing the k case. I heard some of it via phone & I guess it will air shortly--it aired live in St. Louis. I never have watch Raffell ( a Spanish lass I guess) so don't know much about her game...a female Donehue I guess.

That's about it for now. I'm going to leave the Eist thing go since I could<sup>not</sup> get any better documents than what was sent assuming the jd/fbi has more.

Later,

J. Ray