

Dear David,

1/16/91

I've made notes on a few things for when you are here.

Write about one so you can have time to think about it in the event you would want to join in what is possible, a suit either already filed or about to be filed for records in which you are interested.

Several thousand pages of FBI Headquarters records on the Malcolm X assassination have been disclosed and are available.

There are about 10,000 serials, FBI reference to documents, in the New York City FBI office. An organization with which I have no connection, the Assassinations Archives and Research Center, in Washington, is seeking those New York records, delayed by its request for a fee waiver. The FBI opposes them automatically and litigating is time-consuming and costly.

What you may want to consider is joining in the request, which in effect puts you at the head of a long line, offer to pay the costs subject to recovery, make copies available to AARC, and I think have none of the litigating costs. The latter is my idea and I made no inquiry because I do not know how you feel about this. I do recommend it to you. There are a number of reasons, one of which is that you'd have more copies if you do not do this and another is that you can be as much as a year ahead of where you'd be if you don't.

AARC has a small file on the assassination. It will provide copies if you want them or you can examine it and select what you want. My friend Jim Lesar, who is an experienced FOIA attorney, could not locate it last night.

He told me something else that may indicate that you have competition in the book. A professor at Bowie State College, largely black, has been to the AARC from time to time in his Malcolm X interest. Jim does not know what he interest is. I asked and he does not know if the professor has a book in mind.

The AARC does have status as a non-profit organization that makes information available and can qualify for the fee waiver. You can't.

The Socialist Workers Party issued a pamphlet on the assassination about 1965-6.

I look forward to seeing what kind of man you've grown into and I admit this interest gives me a very good impression. We need more young people willing to explore and explain tragic events that influence the kind of society we have and their consequences.

Sincerely,

