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Dear David,

Two things in Chapter 7 of Bearing the Cross, which I'm about half-way through, in the event, I presume certainty! of reprinting!

I've not checked the first to confirm or relate my recollection that the FBI's letter intended to persuade King to kill himself was mailed from Tampa rather than Miami. (page 373) On this I enclose a page from the OAR investigation's records, page 44 of the so-called Murphy Report. This identifies the person who made the trip to Florida for the mailing as "a former agent" rather than one of Sullivan's then agents. He is identified as Lish Whitson. as of my last knowledge, from the newspapers of a year or so ago, he was practising law in Washington and hadn't been damaged by disclosure of his name. Jim Lesar was here yesterday and I asked him to check the current phone book on Whitson.

Seven lines down on 379, relating to an attack on King, you identify him as "James Robinson, a young Nazi from out of town." This happens to be the name of one of Stoner's thugs from near Dalas. I enclose one of the Dallas field office's earliest JFK assassination records, by its stamp filed the day of that crime.

That was, my interest, how fast the FBI knew the alleged assassin was not only guilty but without associates. If you can't read the ^{hand} ~~hand~~ written note it says, "Not necessary to follow as true subject located."

I presume the file numbers written on are those with mention of Robinson in the Dallas files.

To make it clear how fast the FBI solved the JFK assassination, this record was filed before Oswald was charged.

The book is impressive!

Best wishes,


Harold Weisberg