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Dear Matt,

Here is a souvenir I came across today. It is a xerox of the notes of one of the two black firemen transferred just before King was killed, Floyd Newsom. It comes from the extensive records of one of the whitewash investigations by the so-called Office of Responsibility of DJ.

Their report was a whitewash. This is from their appendix material, which was not published and was withheld.

After I got your privacy waiver and sent it to the FBI they wanted it notarized. I argued with them. I don't recall if I asked you to provide a notarized version but because they have been silent I think it would be a good idea.

This litigation (rearing all of the very much of it) is frightfully time-consuming. I ache for time to write!

But I have a fantastic collection of once-secret records to show for it!

The magnitude of the domestic-intelligence operation in Memphis was incredible. I have a college professor friend turned on and he is doing one of the major papers on the strike and the domestic intelligence connected with it for next year's Southern Historical Association's convention in Atlanta. I've given him more than a file drawer of copies of records. I'm hoping he will expand it into a book and include the Invaders and the entire black community. As a case study of an unimportant town the size of the FBI's mimicing of the "estapo is impressive.

Little else new. I've slowed down a bit more. The anti-coagulant caused internal hemorrhaging and after some medical work I'm back on a lower dosage of it but don't do as well on it. I have weekly blood tests as the clotting time is monitored. They had to cut me back again last week. I'm hoping that when I get today's test results tomorrow it will be safe to increase it to the former (reduced) level.

hope your Canadian problem is past and that you are all well and happy.

Best,

By the way, I've found some FBI Shaw records in which they reflect some 1964 investigation showing he was homosexual and S/M. They managed not to tell the Commission. I've also gotten records showing that Gordon Novel was a FBI or potential criminal informant of the FBI before the Garrison day. He didn't make it. Don't know why. Also confirmation of what I learned in my own N.O. work, that Oswald had at least one associate of whom the FBI knew and managed not to identify. I've given the stuff to Earl Gols, Dallas Morning News. He should have a story soon.