

Dear Matt,

5/4/79

Thanks for the update. I knew the kids were growing up but it still seems unreal that they are where they are.

The Jeanine news is wonderful. Great for her! I'm more sensitive to those kinds of things now because of my own medical experiences. By means of extremely new electronic gadgets the doctors are learning much about my circulatory problems without pain for me and without invasive tests, which entail a little risk. Two are so new my doctor did not know about them when he referred me back to a specialist at Georgetown Univ. Hospital. (Two days ago.)

A possible Canadian contact is Brian McKenna, CBC, a producer for their equivalent of CBS's 60 Minutes. If you write him, use my name. He'll even remember our local Chinese Restaurant. Their interest is not impossible.

You'll notice that I've included this in asking the FBI for records. Actually, under their regulations they are required to search only FBIHQ and two of the 59 field offices in response to a single request, but the two withholdings are not new requests. And I want to save us time.

There may be some delay because your release was not notarized. Depends on how much they want to stonewall. So if you kept a copy, please have it notarized and send it. I'll then have it in case of need. August is not that far away.

I did not know you'd been arrested but I did assume you were there, as the enclosed reflects.

It does happen that the records are relevant in two cases I have in federal district court in Washington, one before a decent but very tired judge, the other before an FBI hack. It is my recollection that in 4/68 you did tell me that you'd offered the information you gave me by phone to the Memphis FBI.

They withheld it because it was not congenial, some, that is. Some they did look into, probably having gotten it from your sources.

The amount of King ass. disinformation is incredible! Please do not give those records, mostly or entirely notes, to anyone without checking with me. In fact, I'd like to look at them again, having learned what I have from 50,000 FBI pages.

Always wonderful to get good news from old friends!

Best to you all,

*See JFR subject file*

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Dear Mr. Bresson,

After reading the FBI New Orleans Office JFK assassination records provided to me in C.A. 78-0420 I filed a number of appeals with Mr. Shea. Among them was an appeal from the withholding of records relating to Matt Herron.

The records provided held a search slip but no basis for asking for the search and no results of the search. I told Mr. Shea that I did not regard the appeal as a new request but asked him to forward it to you if he disagreed. I assumed the last address I had for Mr. Herron was not current, which turned out to be correct, and said I would write and seek a privacy waiver. It came in today's mail. I attach the original and send a copy to Mr. Shea.

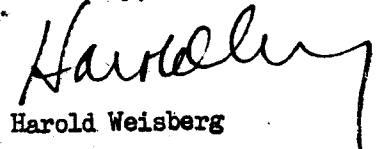
As I told Mr. Shea Mr. Herron had been associated with anti-nuclear protests and the ship Greenpeace and with protests over the killing of Canadian seals. Mr. Herron informs me that he was arrested in Canada at the Gulf of St. Lawrence, which leads to the belief there may be relevant records provided to Canadian authorities.

In addition to the New Orleans office and San Francisco, in whose territory I believe Mr. Herron now lives, he was assigned to Dallas at the time of the JFK assassination and to Memphis at the time of the King assassination. He also provided Dallas coverage, to my knowledge, on other occasions. (He works for Black Star, which services a number of publications, internationally.)

Because it was also my recollection that Mr. Herron provided information to the FBI in Memphis, copies of some of which I have from him, not the FBI, long ago I appealed the withholding of those records (in C.A. 75-1996).

This appeal, of course, is now quite old. I would appreciate those records. They were not in either the FBIHQ records, or any of those of the Memphis Office that were provided to me. However, I used parts of my copies in my writing of more than eight years ago. The FBI has it.

Sincerely,

  
Harold Weisberg