

Dear Jeff,

3/6/80

Thanks for the Atlanta map, which came today. Spent several hours on it and comparing it with what I finally got from the FBI after years of stonewalling.

The short answer to your correlating of the CIA's King records to me and the HSCA's conclusions is that there is no direct connection. However, this may not be all there is to it and I can't make any unequivocal statements.

It is apparent that what the HSCA got and used in the King case falls into two large categories: what I broke loose and what the FBI wanted it to have. The judge said as much in my C.A. 75-1996. Records I got from the FBI reflect access to only some of the records I got first (there can be other explanations but I'm telling you what the FBI's records<sup>show</sup> was removed for the committee's examination). And their uses appear to have been limited to what was public, could be expected to become public, or might make a headline.

The CIA's 1978 delivery to me has other correlations. First, it was a 1977 request they'd stonewalled. Then they knew of the coming status call, so with the affidavits I'd filed they had to make some showing. Thus they gave me some, with elaborate justifications that are little more than gobbledegook.

They were also overdue in acting to referral of records from the FBI, and the state of that suit required that they make some disclosure.

While I do not believe it is the case, it can be argued that when the CIA knew what it would have to give to HSCA, it decided to give me that or some of it.

However, HSCA made no use of any of this, one of the reasons I reject the last conjectured explanation.

I'm getting the FBI's political records on King but don't know when. I'm satisfied the CIA has much more but Jim and I will not be in a position to push against a stonewall that will be just as hard if we get a remand. I'd gladly turn the case over to anyone with a serious interest in what remains to be disgorged.

Yes, I'm sure the committee deliberately ignored this stuff. It was always that kind of committee.

We are making out OK thanks. The snow blower is a godsend. Without it we'd have been iced in all the past two winters. Heard that parts of Georgia had a foot of hail today. ... The nights will still get below freezing but the days moderate more this time of the year.

Thanks and best regards,

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Dear Harold:

Here is the information you requested. I hope it provides what you are looking for.

Incidentally, please tell me sometime if you see any significance in this chronology: The CIA documents on King were released to you on October 6, 1978. The House Assassinations Committee cleared the CIA (and the FBI) of any complicity in the King (and Kennedy) assassinations in July of 1979.

Is it possible that portions (or all) of these CIA documents were deliberately ignored by the committee in its investigation?

Hope you and Lil weathered the late-winter snowstorm. We had 2 inches here!

Best regards,

*Jeff*  
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