

Dear Mr. Smith,

2/21/84

I hope the fat envelope didn't scare you!

I intent the enclosed for the person at the Times who files or keeps up with information about the assassinations. It is some pages of Chapter IV of the identified draft of a book.

If that 1975 California panel had had a press representative the initial reporting, at deadline for the east coast, would not have been as inaccurate as was inevitable from the opening and misleading lines of their report. There were few corrections, but the Times did correct.

If the Times would like a copy of the entire draft. I'll be glad to ask my source to provide it. He is a former student associate of Al Lowenstein's.

The only development of the precedent FOIA matters of which I know, and copies have not yet/reached me, ^{is} ~~is~~ that the government responded to my Motion to Vacate and Opposition by denying ~~threatening~~ my lawyer and then proceeding to spell out exactly how it was done.

I understand that the government has done the same thing in a different kind of litigation, ~~is~~ I think a civil rights case, getting costs of close to \$20,000 assessed against the lawyer, not the plaintiff. I expect to get more info on that case.

It appears that plaintiffs without resources and thus lawyers willing to assist those who have no resources are being picked out for establishing new repressive precedents. Probably judges, too, because the one in my case has a clear record of flailing a rubber stamp for the government.

Best wishes,

Harold Weisberg