

Dear Oliver,

1/11/80

Thanks for the P-D story on John, that on the DJ's newest self-investigation and the copy of the letter from Jimmy Ray.

Note that the guy who tried to cover up for Blakey in the P-D story, the same one who was liaison with the HSCA, is the architect of this newest self-investigation - and that it points as the HSCA wanted, at John and Jerry. It appears probable to me that because this is absolutely safe, all principals save Byers being dead, no matter how unreasonable and unsupported it is it is the way the DJ will now go so it can wind up saying, Well, maybe," and not hurting itself or the FBI a bit while also not making any new enemies in Congress, which can hurt some in DJ.

Be careful with Jimmy, more because of Mark but because of both. Jimmy has made an incredible mess of his affairs, aided and abetted by Mark, who at some point may find himself being charged by Jimmy. If Jimmy ever lets himself realize what happened to him, thanks to Mark's indulging of what he knew Jimmy wanted.

I know about Rosenson only what Jimmy and Jerry have said, Jimmy in irrelevant court efforts and Jerry to the press and a little to me. It is news to me, if it is true, that the committee had him hidden out in Knoxville in 1977. I thought he was in a Virginia jail.

While what Jimmy claims may be true I have trouble believing it. It is that he found an LEAA card (before there was an LEAA) with Rosenson's name and phone on the back, while crossing or just before or after crossing the Mexican border. One problem is how Jimmy got it because he supposedly never saw any member of his family or anyone else known to us from then until after his capture. So how did he get it back when the FBI returned nothing to him? (FBI got from Scotland Yard.)

It also appears that something was leaked. I had not heard of that.

He did write me, I did tell him I have such records but that I don't know where they are now because there is much to be filed. I told him that if and when he needs them I'll search for them if I have not found and filed them by then. I also told him to have Mark make the request, just to keep it neat enough for there to be no problems from or with Mark.

Please excuse the haste.

Sincerely,

1-8-80

Harold -

Enclosed is a copy of letter
from James.

I had to write him again
to see exactly what he wants.
I'll write, whatever I can.

Today's my birthday - I've
been telling the girls I'm
23 but I don't think they
believe me!

Oliver

2-3-88

Harold -

The P.D. article followed by
a couple of days - here it is.

Let me know if anything
new comes up.

I agree with you about
Mark Lane probably won't do
anything.

It's a wonder Jerry still
believes his bull!!

Ollie

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Dear Oliver:

I have your letter dated 27th december & the statement, thank you.

I have been somewhat busy the last few months with FOI suits, ect., against the FBI--have not found out a whole lot.

Sometime this month I am suing the Committee and a local lawyer. I don't know if you read the Bantam-Book publication about the "Select Committee" final report but there is an article , or segment, refering to a Randolph Erwin Rosenson. Anyway the Committee had Rosenson hid-out in Knoxville in 1977; apparently during this period someone tapped his conversations with the Committee; now I am suing the character who got his hands on the tapes--politics is involved.

In reading the statement ypu sent me, if you would notorize one just like it I would use it in the suit to show a patter of how the Committee operated. However, anything you notorized should be as accurate as possible.

The clipping you sent could be helpful, especially if I can obtain the documents refered to in the clippings-I have written Weisberg. If necessary I'll just use the clipping in the suit.

There is not mush else going on, trust everything is going ok.

Sincerely:

James E. Ray