

Mr. Quinlan J. Shea, Director
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Department of Justice
Washington, D.C. 20530

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Dear Mr. Shea,

King assassination records
PA request

This adds to prior appeals.

It may also help the review upon which your staff is engaged, including with regard to the stipulations the FBI negotiated in C.A.75-1996.

Withheld material of which I write I believe overlaps into my PA request. As you are aware searches in compliance with my PA request were suspended once I provided disproofs of what I described as FBI fabrications. In about a year, probably more, I have received no additional records.

You should recall that in writing and verbally, beginning well over a year ago with the FBI, I reiterated that the surveillance items of the C.A.75-1996 requests are not limited to FRIHQ records, to those designated MURKIN or to what is or was done by FBI agents. I have also informed you how FRIHQ through OLC and Chuck Matthews, undertook to violate and not comply with the stipulations.

With regard to the St. Louis Myers records, initially leaked incompletely while they were withheld from me, I have appealed the continued withholdings. The FBI's claim with regard to the Myers matter is that it had innocently misfiled and only by accident discovered the misfiling. (After which it perpetuated the misfiling by not correcting it.)

I have been informed of a similar withholding from St. Louis and other field office records. I have reason to believe that when there was no national security or law enforcement purpose possible and coinciding with James Earl Ray's earlier efforts to obtain a trial, while my present lawyer was his lawyer and while I was his investigator in these efforts, there was FBI surveillance and other intrusions. On the basis of what I have been informed and have reason to believe will very soon be public - in fact have reason to believe has recently been of high-level departmental consideration - intrusions appears to have extended into my home and, of course, privacy. If as there is reason to believe this involved the case in court I think you may agree that this can be a serious matter.

There is not much time between now and the coming calendar call in this case. In order to be fair with the Department, which appears not to reciprocate in this affair, and in order that you personally may know and not be compromised, I am informing you and at the same time renewing the appeal so that there may be a full and complete accounting if not full and complete compliance prior to the calendar call of the 14th.

I have informed Mr. Lesar of what I learned, as earlier I informed him of what I had reason to suspect. I have asked him to raise this matter at the coming calendar call if by then it has not been cleared up. By this I am not limiting myself to what I believe will be public prior to the calendar call.

This may appear to be elliptical to you but it should not be to the FBI.

A full and complete search should include copies of intercepted mail and other stolen records and voice and videotapes. It should also include photographs. I have prints of several.

I hope you will also use this occasion to require immediate, full and honest compliance with my PA requests of about three years ago. This, of course, is much in excess of the FBI's claimed backlog.

Sincerely,

Harold Weisberg