

Sent to home

Dear Quin (cc JL),

1/13/78

Not long after daylight I did what turned out to be too much for me when I was in a no-choice situation. Heading to rest I missed the two Oliver Patterson volumes, both HQ, St. L. to come. I'll be writing you about them separately, officially. This is so you can be alert to your own need to practise the Bureau's first law of what to cover. Your own.

I don't feel very sharp so if I'm not clear, ask. What happened is that the spirit of someone wanting vengeance got into my new snowblower and when I reversed it at the end of the lane, to avoid cinders from the road clearing that could damage it, it rared up, upsetting me, and then locked itself in highest gear. I just had to complete the snow removal because the report of freezing rain was accurate. Last year when this happened it took until the end of March to get rid of the ice. So on the straight part of the lane I charged behind it at its top speed. On curves I had to do it by hand. It began to rain as I finished and two hours later, when I went out for the mail, the forecast was accurate - frozen water. But no snow to add to the ice. There is just a film that can run off if the air warms to the required temperature to overcome ground refrigeration. The ice is so thick local kids used the pond yesterday. But I'm okay. I feel it where the arteries are imperfect and in a general weariness only.

Your Bureau sources, then Horace or another, were untruthful with you about Patterson, about whom I have no illusions. (I do not expect the Bureau had bishops inside the Minutemen or NSRP, but I must say he has been fine with me, and truthful, as these records show.) They were untruthful about the length of time he was an informant. They were less than truthful in not telling you that he thereafter was an unpaid source. The clear reason for severing the official, paid relationship is precisely what he told me, not what they told you and you told me. But even that reflects the continued withholding of HQ records for there is nothing like what you learned in those records and no obliteration that would appear to fit.

The records provided refer to others not included. Therefore there are HQ records still withheld and not under claim to any exemption I perceived. If your people reviewed these records they were not too sharp.

What is included holds the traditional Bureau creation of glass paper to which I'd have wanted my staff, if I had one, to be sensitive because it is obvious that there has to be more. Even the stamps reflecting copies to HSCA reflect this.

I'll be repeating some of this later, depending on when you are able to make the copies I've indicated.

I don't know how anyone could have read these records without becoming aware that they should have been provided in C.A. 75-1996. Or without picking up what the FBI did, which is exactly what I told you and the court via affidavit that they did. They contrived this first using Jerry Ray as the vehicle, as the stamps added reflect. Then they withhold from this file what they staged for HSCA to detect, the report in which they identified Patterson. Phony Coops! Having withheld that from this file they load it with false pretenses about the committee asking please kind airs can we speak to this guy re NSRP. Aka James Earl Ray via Jerry. Also that two of their finks made trips to spy on Jerry and get what he'd blab under cover of Stoner/NSRP, which the records do not disclose and should. Also missing is what Hoover would have spilled blood on Penna. Ave. over, an incident that I'm not accepting as I got it in all detail, that Patterson and Jerry were both waylaid, with Jerry so drunk that a beating that hospitalized him did not bring him out of it until after the hospital patched him up. An informant/involvement in something like that and HQ not being told?

There is much more and I'm hoping not to forget more than now is usual.

This file holds 1978 records. Only nothing on the thefts for HSCA and nothing on his tapping is not also bugging for them. He has confessed tapping, I have reason to believe he went around wired for sound, and on one item stolen both the AG and Director (who happens to have sentenced "ohn as the Parole Commission found to be grossly excessive and I'm telling you on an FBI bus map) were personally involved. This item, the alleged James escape map, naturally didn't find its way into the file of the thief. No secrecy. I can give you a copy, if I didn't, and I'm sure I gave you a copy of my letter that also was stolen and given to HSCA. But the map the Department, FBI or both got. Without any question.

All that coast-to-coast publicity on this former confessing-all informer, even at least one TV special on it in St. Louis, all nets and wire services cover with detail, other syndicates have their own stories, banner play in St. Louis papers and not a single reference in his file at HQ? Not even a mention of his making porno films and having to fix up the HSCA local office chief, aka investigator, former deputy sheriff? (St. L. reporter to whom he applied for reporting job after HSCA's and describes him as of sheriff's aptoon squad.)

Was traver happened to "and no embarrassment to the Bureau?"

Nothing with Stoner under indictment?

No mention of Stoner as Ray's counsel and the FBI has an inside informant? With a habeas corpus already started?

How much of this can you believe or credit to normal fluffing?

Jim did not tell me much about what happened yesterday because I preferred a transcript I asked him to get. I'll discuss it with him then, after I read it. But he did indicate he was cut off and that you said you found no indication of any FBI deliberateness. (I suggest that soon you should read Horace's 68-page affidavit, my response, and make exhibit comparisons, plus the stuff I found in phony worksheets that you should have had, for starters, because I will have no choice but to make some kind of response to that. Naturally it is not deliberate when HQ has three different copies of a single 29-page Atlanta document and the original worksheets, with Horace's initials, state one page only, provided. And the phony worksheets, also Horace's.) Not providing some of what I have above is not deliberate? Can you really believe that none is in HQ files?

Naturally when there is an alleged confession of his brother's guilt by Jerry that also doesn't belong in the "ing assassination file or any other relevant files also completely withheld. I knew of it from Oliver. It is in what you gave me and I'll will copy for you. I'd expect all the contradiction of it to be omitted but not the alleged confession, which the FBI wanted so much.

I've forgotten the exact wording of the request but I can read McCreight's letter in front of me and its says "Subject of request: Oliver S. Patterson." Not a single file including him.

If anyone going into town stops off before one of us can read and correct, please excuse the typos.

By the way, I've checked the worksheets. No document is listed as withheld in its entirety and the only pages indicated as withheld are of the stolen NSRP mailing list.

Sorry about the haste,