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Dear Dave,

Long ago I gave up reading what I thought was a waste of time, or worse. DeEugenio can't really know anything about the subject and I've no reason to believe that Back Channels has any genuine interest in it. In addition, some of this is impossible. Like Ruth Paine asking about the Oswald family in 1957.

The matter of your FOIA request is different. I'm sorry you did not sent me a copy of your request. The reply to you that seems on the up and up isn't necessarily.

The major flaw is that it is limited to what it says, FBIHQ records.

But the Branchlines items says that 105-9877 that is a field office file. It may well be of the Philadelphia office but it does not so state. In any event, it is an inadequate citation.

All FBI files have at least three numbers. The first is the classification. 105 is or at least then was for Foreign Counterintelligence, a subversive file for supposedly nationalistic tendencies. The next part of the number is the number of the file, say one titled Payne. The third is the serial number within the ~~Forster~~ file. This is missing and that alone gives me questions.

I have no doubt that Ruth's interest was in using her Russian that she'd studied.

This quote does not say that was in 1957. It implies without saying it.

Do you really think that such subject matter and such sources are really worth any time now? I don't.

But before you appeal, if you do, write the ^{FBI} Department and tell them your request has to do with Philadelphia records and does that office have a file with that number ^{and you give the names.} or another other one, and then you say. It has on the Paines.

On a different and unpleasant subject, I'm interested in all I can get on the insanities of Harry Livingstone so that I can do what may be possible to protect some of us from him and his evils. I think Gary said you were staying on top of that.

Our best to you both,

Harold