Dear Jerry,

2/6/80

The time I spent reading to and from the dentist today was not enough for reading the bank robbing file you got from the FBI so, with an eye on the weather (cold and snow) and on economizing on my large wood, I kept going over it while I fed small, trash wood to the fire. I'm getting almost all our heat from a stove in the fireplace, if that takes you back to your boyhood.

There are only a few records of any interest to me and they all relate to how the FBI processed these records and what they did not process.

They did a number on you. If I don't know why my guess is that they knew you could do nothing about it and your lawyer wouldn't. He is long on big talk and short on any work except what serves his interest, as you'll maybe come to realize. I don't think there is a chance that you can do much on your own and I'm pretty sure Mark won't take the time and make the effort required.

These records are all from headquarters and they are not all headquarters has. They are not all of this one file, either, the file on the Meredosia robbery. In addition, they are limited to the special form of records for those the FBI will let out of its possession. The records on which these are based are much more important.

Something I took up with you long ago should tell you that I knew long ago about some of this and some of what they are withholding.

There was a record Jim got from a part of DJ that referred to another record that was one of a series I was supposed to get and hadn't. So, with this proof of its existence I went after it. Only the FBI swore it didn't exist. When they could not stay with that lie any longer they swore it no longer existed. Not until after I told someone in DJ where to look for it did they come up with it. By then most of it had been destoyed, they claimed. However, there was something on me in it: they have me filed under both the Meredosia and the Liberty jobs. Now there is only one way that could be possible: through some kind of surveillance on your phone conversation with me about which I wrote you. You then told me that they were trying to pin a bank job or two on you. I asked you if you'd used Carol's or Stover's phone and you did not remember. They did not have to have had a tap. They could have learned from phone bills. The record I obtained does not have enough info in it for me to tell which. But one of the two is almost a certainty. And there is nothing like that in what you got. Unless you have more of this nature that you didn't send, more than the Chicago file.

You don't have any field office files and many of them will be involved. There also are other headquarters records on you. Then there are the other jobs HSCA tried to pin on you. Remember, I warned you in advance about them and told you they would be stooging for the FBI. Now you can see it in these records. One shows that the entire file you got was made available to HSCA in 1977.

You can see how they were building a case against you from the New Virginia hotel registration and the Lincoln, which lo kod like what could have been a switch car.

Some of the blacking out was legitimate; some wasn't. Probably most wasn't. Probably John is blacked out, among others you know.

It may be that some of what I spot as missing is included in other records you have. I won't know until I go over them. I imagine that there will be indications of still others in them. But when I've gone over all of them I'll be able to tell you more. If you do decide to try and get the rest you don't want to go off half-cocked and claim they are holding back because what you don't see in a file may be included in another one.

Jdl will do the copying of those few pages tomorrow and as soon as the weather is less slippery I'll get a package to the post office for you. Thanks.