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Dear Jimmy,

In your 8/10 you say that it was the wrong procedure for you to appeal the failure to comply with your Huie request. I'm a little baffled by this so let me explain my understanding.

If you have not had a response after 10 working days you can appeal and if your appeal is without response after 20 working says you can go to court.

I think you have to file separate requests on DJ and FBI but I think you can file a single appeal covering both.

I don't know what the claimed FBI backlog now is but if I remember correctly the last thing Jim Lesar said it is that the backlog is six months or less.

When you sue do not begin with a mandamus. You file under FOIA, 5 USC 552.

Bishop was another literary fink, right.

I doubt that you'll get anything at all useful if you get the Odell records and if he is alive they can withhold almost anything. If you have limited facilities I'd suggest that you conserve them for the Huie request. He is dead so they can't withhold under privacy.

But don't be disappointed if you find that they would not give him the time of day but did take all he offered - and that he offered just about anything, principled man that he was.

I don't know the origin of their dislike of him but I am certain of their dislike and I am inclined to believe that if it was not of earlier cause it was over the way he treated them in his Three Lives for Mississippi.

Sincerely,

Harold

Harold Weisberg

10 August 1987

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Dear Harold:

I have your letter dated June 18th & the copy of the affidavit dated April 27th. You said some hing about sending one previously then something about executing another one on June 19th. Anyway I just got the duplicate but it is ok.

I went ahead & appealed the Huie FOIA request. I'm sure they(JD/FBI) are holding out.

I never heard from the JD request so I also appealed it's inaction. This is the wrong procedure but I don't want to get strung out in another JD stall: I waited 4 years for an answer to a request in the Patty Hearst/F. Lee Bailey matter, then when I sued the JD replied that the SF Judge had classified all records pertaining to the Hearst Guilty plea arranged by Bailey. The when I sued for access via mandamus in the 9th circuit I was denied access.

Here they have a real punk for a Magistrate. He rubber stamps everything the prosecutors lay before him eg., the O'dell request, and if the prosecutors don't raise an issue he will, if it help the State, then rules on his own issue. He recently found that the State didin't have to comply with the 1970 'consent decree I obtained letting mw work in segregation. I appealed to the Judge & as soon as he rules I'm insulting the punk. He has been overruled several times by the Judges & appeals court.

As to DeLoach's penman. I believe Jim Bishop was another one of them. As to the penman here. I guess the editor-publisher is working on correcting the errows in the book. There is no excuse for the errows since the editor was suppose to send me the finished manuscrip to check out. The problem is the publishers get gold fever & don't really care much about the facts, rather the loot. As to the review, I wasn't interviewed by anyone; however, Mark did write a good review about the book. As to my making "explanations" to the establishment press,eg, Time Mag & NY "Times" for connection with Lane or Spotlight, I consider the "Times" ect. the same as they consider me'vermin, so there is no need for explanations or communications. Well that about it for now. I'll let you know if I hear any news via the FOIA requests.

Sincerely. J. Ray