

JL - re MPD King statements & availability to FBI

EW 3/6/78

I have been given a copy of the transcripts ~~1/6/78~~ of filmed interviews for a European TV special on the assassinations. I am not clear on whether I may make any use of the actual transcripts. So until I can learn this is for information only.

Obviously it addresses the honesty of all representations relating to the secrecy of the MPD records. You will recall that ¹ told you ¹ I knew all had been made available to the FBI and 2) this is reflected in the FBI records provided in G.A. 75-1996.

What follows is quoted from the interview of Homicide Captain Smith. (My source was of higher rank): "...our homicide officers took statements from them in the presence of the FBI who got copies of our statements, so forth. It's a usual thing when we, ~~when~~ ^{when} we have anything that the FBI's involved in they like to have our copies and so forth, and it was a normal situation as far as I'm concerned."

¹This is the work of the crew Kathy brought to me as soon as they got to the US for me to try to dispel all the nut theories and to touch their toes to earth.

Although there is some following of the excitingly irrelevant, by and large the transcripts are good and are of considerable historical importance. TV can pay the costs others cannot meet.

If you feel you have to use this let me know and I'll seek clearance. I had been promised these transcripts in return for my help at the outset. I believe that there is no doubt that Gesell was lied to. ¹This is now added to what the FBI clips support in my affidavit re Gipson/Stephens. If there is a way of getting these kinds of things into the record, as ¹ believe a Motion to ¹reconsider permits, you should have enough to turn it around on discovery.

If you must rush, Jeff brought these to me and can make the call to get an okay from Scott. I do not know where Scott is working with the crew he is ~~not~~ ^{is} taking around. Jeff apparently is more or less in touch.