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Dear Les,

I've just completed going over the few, in proportion, documents Civil Rights has come up with.

As I remember your story Civil Rights confirmed the Cointelpro/Invaders operation. I'd never know it from the enclosed outside-contact form I enclose.

These demon investigators, the one in particular who told you, his words, "we could and would take any action we saw fit, masked it in a way he could later see to make out he had not, neither, so there:

"He asked about the Lorraine Hotel and the Holiday Inn matter. I told him that the matter was contained in a memo and was suggested as a means of embarrassing Dr. King."

How's that for confirmation of the FBI Cointelpro/Invaders as a matter of record in the Department's records?

From the existing record he did not even discuss this with his boss - and when they were drawing to the end of a "re-investigation," meaning also of two prior ones? Can you believe it?

It is clear that this is a cover-up memo from the people who were determined to continue to cover up for the FBI as they in fact had been from the very beginning. Of this I now have proof they read an entirely different way. They have a different dictionary, Hooverese.

There is an aspect of this I'd like to ask you about. There is also no indication of surprise. By anyone. Yet I'd imagine that any questions indicating any degree of FBI-Hoover responsibility for King being back in Memphis, where he was then killed, would be surprising to those who didn't have any inkling of it.

Was Murphy at all surprised by your question? Did you ask Jensen first? Was he surprised?

Then knew about "the Lorraine Hotel and Holiday Inn matter" long before Adams' testimony, believe me. And checked it other than with the FBI.

One reason for asking if there was any surprise is the absence could be an indication of surveillance when the matter was before a court, as distinguished from surveillance in general. If Jensen did not phone anyone and tell of your question, if you spoke to him first, there is no way of explaining what I would assume, surprise that you knew and anxiety that you were going to publish it.

They had enough worries and this meant more. They also, they here meaning Civil Rights, also knew that I had them, too, in court and on the subject. They knew they had not complied. They knew they were not going to if they could avoid it and they were even encouraging the FBI not to comply. (It was more than a year after my request before I received a single piece of paper from Civil Rights and non-compliance remains the policy and the rule, except where we can force a mite here and there, each yielding further proof of deliberate non-compliance.) Best,