

Dear Jim,

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Some time ago I told you that a columnist, Tom Tiede, had spoken to me at length about what I understood was to be a commemorative magazine article. It is in today's local paper, enclosed. Although I'm sure he made notes, with the passing of time his recollection dimmed and he is wrong on a couple of attributions, not in quotes. And, obviously, not what I said. And these errors just happen to be the kind the FBI could enjoy passing around.

Obviously, I do not believe that the significant withheld information is in the Archives. I'm not suing it, am I? I believe and from the first have believed that the significant withheld info is in the executive agencies.

He does not quote me on the autopsy material because I expressed a different view than he appears to have wanted.

My suits are not for classified information, as he says. As you know. There is a difference between proper classification and improper withholding.

I did not say that there was a conspiracy that "may have involved U.S. government complicity" and I certainly did not say that "the FBI was principally involved" in this. Where I said it broke the law was restricted to FOIA cases. The example with which he follows makes it clear that I was not talking about FBI involvement in the crime itself, the example of its phonying evidence about the tie and shirt collar.

As you know, I would not and did not say that there was a hole in the tie itself. It is and I have always referred to it as a nick.

I guess it just is not possible to avoid this kind of journalistic inaccuracy, particularly when the columnist appears to have his own view to espouse through others he uses as sources.

Where he errs is where I ~~know~~ have a long and consistent record of saying the same thing for years and it is not at all what he says I said.

With regard to the Anderson column, they may be holding something that is essentially undated or they may have decided against it. I don't know. Les considered it a lead item or the major one of that day.

Best,