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Dear Mr. Schott,

In your letter of 7/2 you say that with regard to the alleged investigation of the Hosty flap the "entire investigation was being handled in a way to suppress information rather than to elicit it." If you had read the records I've obtained you could not have encapsulated them more aptly.

Your belief on protecting Mohr appears to be justified. Bassett et al were able to dim where there was knowledge contemporaneously at FBIHQ but not the fact of it.

Some of the cover-the-Bureau paper and Hoover's personal notes which can also have been intended to be self-serving make your conjecture over whether "some of the palace guard were beginning to seal him off more and more in the early 1960s" interesting. Either your hunch is correct or he was a much more Byzantine personality than I believed. The appears to relate to much leaking in particular for there is no doubt about the source and then there are his complaining almost mystified notes about it. Yet it seems incredible that he could have been conned into believing that what only the FBI had could have been leaked other than by the FBI.

The final sentence in the FD 302 that you do not understand, to the effect that you claimed you'd have known if an investigation had been conducted, is consistent with what was afoot, making the whole thing fuzzy and guaranteeing that it could not be said that Dallas conducted an investigation of which FBIHQ knew.

Two of the major objectives appear to have been to cover the Bureau, at HQ and to the degree possible Dallas; and to make any prosecution impossible.

At the same time they wanted to keep as much as possible indistinct because of the House subcommittee investigation, which got nowhere.

I don't recall whether I sent the enclosed 9/3/75 Bassett re Callahan earlier.

If you ever hear anything further about this matter I'd appreciate knowing about it, particularly if it is not consistent with what has been said to date. My hunch is that the actuality is not the same as my version that has come out.

Sincerely,

Harold Weisberg