

BA to Les:

12/5/77

I'm glad and sorry that you are taking a year off to write some books.

Glad for you because you want to do this and because without doubt you have something that should be said and want to say it your way.

Sorry because I've had nothing to do with any other of your people and now am not in a position to get there and make acquaintances, build up feelings of mutual trust, etc. Sorry in particular because the time has come when I can give away some of the records I've had to hold back not to entice the destruction of still missing records.

Pick one out and tell him I really do have only one head, will you?

By the way, if you are fed any of the new records the FBI is going to release, have your people check with me to assure you (column) are not used (misused). If I can't be certain I can refer to those who may be and whose word can be taken. ~~Not~~ Not many, tho. Few responsible people in this field.

One of the things to guard against is the FBI's pointing the finger at the CIA and the CIA trying to stick it in the FBI.

Hope it works out the way you want it to.

Best,