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Dear Howard,

Re CMK's 4/15, I think it is possible the FOIA agents who drafted this letter are playing games with words. I suggest you write farthur.

"...the FBI does not possess autopsy records for the autopsy of " JFK.

Get around that play on words and ask them how they could have conducted the investigations assigned to them without such knowledge because:

This is the most basic evidence in a homicide;

The President directed an FBI investigation immediately, as Director Hoover testified;

While this was before he appointed the Warren Commission, the FBI was in the same role for that Commission;

And existing records of the FBI establish the existence of records they have not provided you.

If you want you can ask if they have had the Baltimore Field Office searched.

There has to be more there than the single set of Sibert-O'Neill reports I use in Post Mortem.

There is a similar pattern in the King case. Here I'm obtaining all the FBI HQ files, with maskings. The Memphis Field Office did obtain and did not send to Washington similar information.

There was a similar physical situation revolving around the shooting and a similar political situation - Hoover wanting to keep control, a la Orwell.

This way the FBI can always deny, using HQ files for denial, and always produce, using FO files to produce.

I think it would be worth persevering on how they investigated the crime without knowing the basic evidence relating to it.

Hastily,

after Kelley & Binney assured me they had nothing re my request
on autopsy, I wrote them that on the basis of what is public this
can't be true (you know that letter). So, with this letter CMK
sent me FBI copies of what I cited to him - all published
before - incl in AM. The copies are clearer & have some
lines drawn in margins. Also, they are stamped with
same page #'s as in the CD's - I presume that is how the
WC received them.

HR

Should have file 100



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Dear Mr. Roffman:

This letter is in reference to your letter dated
March 22, 1977.

As a result of your furnishing additional data
concerning your request, three documents, consisting of
eight pages, were located. Enclosed herewith, in their
entirety, are those documents.

As I stated in my letter to you dated February 24,
1977, the FBI does not possess autopsy records for the
autopsy of John F. Kennedy, nor does it possess documentation
of the subsequent disposition of autopsy records. I suggested
in my last letter to you to contact the National Archives,
regarding this inquiry. I now reiterate that suggestion
since they may possess the information concerning the
chain of custody of those records. You may direct your
inquiry to the attention of Mr. Marion Johnson, Deputy
Archivist.

I hope this information is of some assistance
to you.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Clarence M. Kelley".

Clarence M. Kelley
Director

Enclosures (3)

