

Dear Jeff,

6/7/80

Enclosed is a memo to SAC Hitt from one of the FBI SAs who was undercover at Garner's roominghouse, Donald F. Burgess. It is dated 4/17/69, which is after other records reflect that Burgess was withdrawn from his undercover assignment. This makes it hard to believe because nobody in his right mind would take a chance on Garner's living being so drunk he might not recognize Burgess as his recent lover.

Also provocative is it that the "well-known wealthy segregationist lawyer" was getting mail at the rundown flophouse to which someone must have directed him.

If there was a check-out of the Chattanooga return address, 120 Fulbright, I do not recall seeing it.

The memo is from the Atlanta MURKIN "main file," as it is called.

From a dependable source I have the warning that some of those who do not love me plan to do a number on me. I was not led to believe bombing with weapons was likely some p.r. flackery, as they adeptly plant it.

While there has always been a fairly anonymous Rate Mail club by DC and FBI, it appears that the rigor of what I've been doing, my persistence when they planned for me to quit and probably a couple of recent decisions appear to have disturbed some planning. Save for the fact that it is relatively high-level and involves others than the types with whom I usually deal I have few specifics. When the time comes I hope I will still have friends.

Just this week, without any attention of which I know, I won a precedent FOIA/Copyright case: copyrighted material can be within FOIA and in agency records for FOIA. In the suit for the JFK scientific tests, the oldest of all FOIA cases and the one over which the investigatory files exemption was toughened in 1974, the records seem to have the FBI and its friends uptight. They have records not provided and they have embarrassed the JFK district judge. I suppose they'll ask for an oral hearing or go up to court to renew it longer. They've undoubtedly wasted a quarter of a million or more on that case.

They are unhappy. And can be hurt now.

Jim has been rushing to file motions for partial summary judgment to get some of the many outstanding issues resolved so he's had no time for checking. However, the Assistant U.S. Attorney also found the records missing and asked his about it. (These are those you found missing.)

No word yet on that biographical sketch record I believe may be at the CIA's highly-placed sleeping man of whom you wrote.

Best wishes,