

Mr. Roland Culligan
James River Correctional Center
State Farm, Va. 23160

7/26/82

Dear Mr. Wulligan,

As you indicated in your phone call, I did get a letter from Kim Grosscope and some of your records, identified with the numbers 33, 36, 43, 46, and 47. Kim asked me to return the enclosures but that was before you were moved, so I'm sending them back to you and I'm sending him a carbon of this letter so he'll know.

There are special problems today in publishing anything at all relating to the CIA if an employment contract had been signed with it. The best-known case is that of Frank Snapp. The courts have upheld the CIA in its position that all former employees must submit their manuscripts for review prior to publications. After this decision I doubt very much that any publisher would be willing to face the great costs of defending such litigation.

As Kim did not know, I've had some serious health problems since I last saw him. These limit what I can do. One might be to try to interest someone in the press. That, however, would require more than Kim sent because the average reporter would say that all of these things could be self-serving.

I am probably in a position to evaluate the information relating to the JFK assassination and to indicate any potentials in it if you could care to get a copy of it to me.

Copies of the court papers, both sides, could be of use with the press.

The CIA's letter to you is almost three years old. And reporter would want to see what they eventually sent you. Ditto with the responses to the other letters.

Sincerely,

Harold Weisberg

CIA threatens alleged in lawsuit

By MATHEW PAUST
Times-Herald Staff Writer

Roland Bernard Culligan filed suit in federal court last week against a Newport News police detective, an agent of the FBI and Stansfield Turner, director of the Central Intelligence Agency.

Culligan claims in separate actions that his constitutional rights are being violated by harassment, false charges and, in the Turner action, by the CIA's "threatening to cause the death of" Culligan and his family.

The suit against Turner, joined by Culligan's wife, seeks \$10 million damages in addition to return of the contents of "a numbered bank account" in New York which, the suit contends, constitute "all earned salaries, bonuses and monies" since May 1950 when Culligan "signed a first contract" with the CIA with the rank of first lieutenant.

He claims currently to be a brigadier general, requesting also in the suit that he be granted "retirement" from the CIA.

Attached statements hint darkly at a "career" of cloak and dagger capers.

"For 20 years I worked with the CIA in a deep undercover situation, going from job to job, country to country until January 1971," reads a handwritten statement to U.S. District Court Judge George C. Young, Orlando, Fla., while Culligan was incarcerated in Orange County jail "on charges perpetrated by CIA," dated Aug. 13, 1977. The statement was attached to court papers filed last week.

Currently residing with his wife and daughter in Hampton, Culligan has refused to elaborate on statements contained in the Turner suit.

"That will all come out in the trial," he told The Times-Herald.

CIA spokesman Dale Peterson today told The Times-Herald his agency would make no comment on the case since it is litigation. The spokesman would not say whether Culligan is, or has ever been, associated with the CIA.

In another statement attached to the court papers, this one addressed to Turner and dated Oct. 30, 1978, Culligan beseeches the CIA director to allow him to "disappear into the scenery without noise, notoriety or fan fare."

If not, the statement says, "I am prepared to publish, print, speak out, yell, scream to anyone who will listen. My wife and I have fought CIA and suffered for five long years, we will 'let it all hang out' now if need be."

From 1950 to 1970, Culligan says, he kept a daily journal "listing names, dates, memos, pictures,

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tickets, telegrams, promotions, orders and a day to day commentary of my work."

Copies were made of the journal and given to several people, including Turner, he says.

"There is one last copy of my journal (the original is safely hidden)," he wrote to Judge Young.

The Culligans concede in their suit against Turner that criminal records pertaining to them can be found in Florida, Alabama, Tennessee, Wisconsin, the Federal Bureau of Prisons and in Newport News and Hampton.

They ask that all charges of record be expunged. These include, according to the suit, 13 felony charges against Culligan — all but two of which, he claims, have been dismissed — and four charges "both misdemeanor and felony" brought against Mrs. Culligan since 1973.

Culligan currently is charged in Newport News with grand larceny by false pretense and being a

fugitive from Tennessee on a bad check count. He is free on \$5,000 bond.

Mrs. Culligan has posted \$10,000 bond in Hampton on a charge of being a fugitive from Florida where she is charged with theft of a credit card and credit card fraud.

In Culligan's suit against Newport News Police Det. John C. Thomas and FBI Special Agent Robert G. Prince, criminal charges are sought against the defendants as well as unspecified monetary damages for "improper legal incarceration of 98 days."

The suit alleges that Culligan was arrested Jan. 19 by Thomas and Prince on a Tennessee fugitive warrant which was later dismissed in Newport News General District Court because the warrant was "forged and/or improperly logged" against Culligan.

He says the warrant was subsequently "changed" and that the original warrant is "refused" to him.

Four days before the fugitive warrant was

served, Culligan says he was charged by Thomas with grand larceny. On Jan. 23, he says, Thomas and Prince slapped a bad check charge on him, which the suit claims the local and federal officers "actively solicited...by coercion and improper suggestion, to those to whom checks had been written."

Culligan includes among the attachments to his suit against Turner a verbal portrait drawn of him by FBI Special Agent James D. Weiss in a charge brought against Culligan in U.S. District Court, May 17, 1977 in West Palm Beach, Fla. claiming that he impersonated a CIA officer (with the rank of Air Force Colonel) to pass worthless checks in buying a \$100,000 yacht and a 1975 Cadillac.

The 1977 federal action against Culligan states that unnamed "representatives" of both the CIA and Air Force advise that their records reflect that Roland Bernard Culligan is not an employee of either agency. Culligan currently is employed as a carrier airplane pilot.

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CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20505

25 SEP 1979

Christopher W. Farrell
P.O. Box 1117
Jensen Beach, FL 33457

Dear Mr. Farrell:

This responds to your letter of 7 September, which was received in my office on 11 September.

In your letter you complain about the length of time involved in our responding to your earlier letters. As we attempted to explain to you in our letter of 24 August, we have a significant backlog which is causing us difficulty in responding to requests in a more timely fashion. I regret that our backlog is still with us. Under the circumstances, we are doing the best we can to apportion our time to handling requests and/or letters from requesters. I regret these circumstances and can only apologize for any delays in responding to you.

In view of our backlog problems, we attempted to be as straightforward as possible in our 24 August letter in describing our problems in handling requests and giving you our best estimate of when you might receive the results of our searches for this information you requested.

In your 4 September letter you drew a comparison between the processing of General Culligan's request and yours. Also, you stated that General Culligan has received his final response from us. A review of his file does not bear this out. This office has released no information in response to General Culligan's Freedom of Information request.

Regarding the referral of a document to us by the Secret Service, it will be processed when our search for other information on you has been completed.

Please be assured I will respond to your request promptly
as soon as we complete all processing.

Sincerely,

George W. Owens

George W. Owens
Information and Privacy Coordinator

30 December, 1981

Admiral Bobby R. Inman, Deputy Director
Central Intelligence Agency
Washington, D. C. 20505

Dear Admiral;

Your Mr. Donovan, (I believe that is his name) has called. His offer of my re-employment was a surprise. I was given until 2 January, 1982 to accept or reject the offer.

Why now? Central Intelligence, it would seem, has gained what it wanted; my imprisonment. So, why now?

At no time, since 1973, has CIA kept any promise or offer to me. Not once.

The contracted imprisonment in 1971 to 1973, was to have ended with retirement for me. Not so. General Odum insisted on JUST ONE MORE JOB. The fake retirement at Patrick A.F.B. in 1978, ended with my family and me barely escaping with our lives. The agreement between Tony Lapham, General Counsel, and me, ended in one printed story in a "girly" magazine! Admiral Turner's visit to my home, and subsequent agreement, never completed. He never returned to Orlando, Florida and Judge Young's chambers. The agreement made with Vice President Elect Bush, in December 1980, my then promotion to three stars, the expungement of all FBI files on me then and my trip to Washington in January, 1981, all were tricks, all were false?

~~So, I ask, why do you feel I should trust you now? If you and I are to reach any sort of agreement, it must be after you have erased all the past errors, the past lies, the past tricks. What about the contract I signed in Albuquerque, New Mexico at Kirkland Air Force Base, witnessed by Base Commander and two others? Was it a lie too, or is it still in force?~~

If you want me, I am willing to accept the offer of re-employment. The details I leave to you. You, all there at CIA, know what you are getting; a 55 year old General, who is mighty tired of being treated as a national traitor.

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Admiral Inman

30 December, 1981

You and I must sit down and talk. And, I will not talk to anyone else, prior to contract signing, or final agreement.

Very truly yours,

R. B. Culligan
Lieut. General CIA
Erin G. OBRAUGH

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Post Office Box 7501
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23 March 1982

Director of Personnel
Department of Defense
United State Air Force
Pentagon Building
Washington, D.C. 20301

Dear Sir,

This is the second letter written to your office. The first letter being written in August 1980.

The undersigned officer was promoted to the rank of Lieutenant General on 21 September 1980, before the following officers as witnesses; Colonel Sheppard (now Brig. Gen.), Major Austin (now Lt. Col.), at Kirkland AFB, Albuquerque, New Mexico. General Sheppard was, at that time, Base Commander. Major Austin was CIA representative, at Kirkland AFB. At the same time, 21 September, a new contract was signed between the undersigned officer and CIA. The same witnesses in attendance.

It must be assumed no criminal record, of any kind, existed against the undersigned officer on 21 September 1980, by virtue of the promotion to Lieutenant General.

On 21 January 1981 the undersigned officer was arrested and charged with eight felonies, in Hampton, Virginia. This officer was subsequently found guilty and sentenced to four years in the Virginia penitentiary, on 19 June 1981 and 24 August 1981.

No officer in the United States Air Force can hold a commission and stand convicted of any crime. Because of this situation, I have asked to be discharged, or retired from active duty. Except for a "sheep dip" discharge effected on 2 January 1951, I have never been discharged, retired, or in anyother way, separated from active service since my enlistment, 16 February 1943.

During the trial of 24 August 1981, a statement, by one of the officers of the court was made, to the effect I had been honorably discharged from the USAF. I am aware of no such action, on the part of the Air Force. If such a discharge exists, I want a copy of that document.

Very truly yours

Roland B. Culligan
Lieutenant General USAF-CIA

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20 April 1982

GENERAL DAVID C. JONES, CHAIRMAN
JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF
DEPT. OF DEFENSE
Pentagon
Washington, D. C. 20301

Dear General Jones;

I have written twice, to the Director of Personnel, USAF, with no response. I have written to Admiral Bobby E. Egan, Deputy Director, Central Intelligence Agency. Copies of both letters enclosed.

Since writing to General Egan, I have been in continuous communication with Admiral Egan's office. To date, there have been no actions that would indicate real progress in my business; that of resolving whether I am to be exonerated and reinstated. I.e., contract service with CIA, my retirement from USAF, and/or disposition of my service, in any capacity.

At this writing, the undersigned is incarcerated at James River Correctional Center, Middleburg, Virginia.

I am asking you to personally intervene, in my behalf. I want to be discharged, retired, or, in some way, separated from service; USAF and CIA. Or-----, be fully reinstated in either service.

The current conviction, of the undersigned officer, is a farse. In the past ten years I have been charged with every kind of felony imaginable, in this country, by conspiracy. Thirty nine (39) times. Yes, 39 times this officer has been arrested and charged. Exonerated was but one, in every case, but the last two, which have been described as a farse. I mean just that; a farse. The conviction is being appealed.

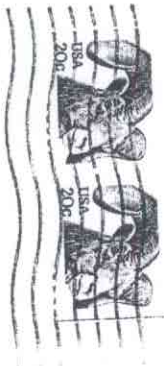
In the meantime, I long wish to be free. All you need to do is ask for your help, help, and with confidence. I do so, because, through long years of honorable service, I have earned that right.

Very truly yours,

Robert E. Callahan
Lieutenant General USAF - CIA

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