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6/20/85

Dear Jimmy,

On the chance that your new zip is not for the pen alone I decided against using your new return address on your 6/17, "Nashville, bighthouse." You refer to your brother Jerry, so the whimsical address is close enough for him. It would be Bughouse. He keeps calling me at inconvenient times and keeps doing what he knows will cause me to hang up, I do, and next time he does it all over again. The things he says, and worse believes, make him bugs. I hope he stays out of trouble but I'll not be surprised if he doesn't, he is that foolish. And self-important.

He was not pulling you leg in referring to Mark Lane as The Hojo Man. He always does with me. But I've a pretty good gut, despite the ulcer. He has been since your escape trial (I think it was that) near Brushy pen.

While it is true that Mark represented some of Khomeni's stinkers, and that is a little unusual for a man who started out as Marcus Levin, he has since also gone to work for another of Jerry's heroes, Willis Garte, who is as close as we can now come to an American Hitler. But maybe Mark is at home with those who kidnap the innocent and kick them to pulpy deaths.

Whatever paper you read was exactly opposite the truth. Bud never worked for Bobby Kennedy and he did embarrass RFK publicly as counsel for Long's subcommittee when he questioned obby on illicit wiretapping after no Senator would run the risk.

Reup enclosure on the FBI's elimination of "Do Not File" files, take them only literally. They'll just have a different name, designation or procedure. Like putting that kind of stuff in the SAC's safe until they expect the IG inspection, when they'll be hidden somewhere else. They hide in other ways and claim the search of central records disclosed nothing. Like wiretaps and bugs being filed un the classification 66. That means "administrative matters" and they'll just say, without you ever knowing it, that administrative matters are not within your request. The field offices also use 80, which means "Laboratory Research Matters," for hiding things like their progpranda, lobbying and pplice relations. The field offices have no need for any files of this classification because that kind of info is in the main files to which it relates. These things may or may not show in search slips, if you can get them. They sometimes do them over to eliminate these things. Or the SA does the original searching and does not record them.

If you get to question former SAC Jensen he'll say he doesn't remember, that he did not personally handle such things. And it may in most cases be the truth. Ordinarily such things were left to the case agent or supervisor, whose name slips my mind. Thus the SAC could be questioned and honestly claim ignorance. Joe Hester is the name.

I've been fascinated by the omission of the hot-sheet joint in which you stayed 4/2, the DeSoto. That dope with a sheepskin, Bob Livingston, was to go back and depose the people I located who recalled your visit only he never did. Reminds me, and I've forgotten what details you gave me and I published, would you please write me when you can and give me your account of what you did when you were there? This is one area that may in the future be of some use. I'll tell you what I did and didn't learn from FBI records about the DeSoto but before I forget, I did learn something that to most people would be unusual, so if you remember that, it will be credible. I'm sure your registration has disappeared, but if you recall its form, please tell me.

Supposedly the Memphis FBI checked all the area motels for registrations. But their records do not include any checking of registrations at the DeSoto. Yet they were right there, as I think you'll recall from the voir dire and the tracing of the beer cans and paper bag in which they were and the toilet goods you got at the Whitehall Rexall. (Where I found people who remembered you there.) Now the bait store to which they traced the beer and bag was just south of the DeSoto and the drug store just north of it. So in


their checking of that, aside from motel registrations, they went right past the DeSoto. One has to wonder why this motel does not appear in their registration checks, which were extensive everywhere.

I have no doubt that they did check the DeSoto registrations. I can think of explanations of its memory-holing that will not be of any help to you but I nonetheless find it fascinating and perhaps at some point important. One is that by the omission they did not have to try to explain innocently, or without any suggestion of any conspiracy, why you drove so far out of your way twice, first to go to the DeSoto and then back to the Rebel. Or how you knew of either.

You are out-of-date on the stinker Lyndon Larouche. He hasn't been in New York for quite a few years. He has a fancy place in Virginia somewhere near Washington. This came out when he sued NBC-TV and lost. I think they sued him and won and he claimed poverty but I'm not sure on the latter. I do not recall what you said about Gitnacht but don't take Larouche's word on anything. Or that of anyone in any way associated with him.

I've just remembered another way the FBI's field offices can hide records so that they will not show on searches. The case agents and supervisors have ticklers. Ordinarily these hold only duplicates of other records, plus notes, but there is nothing to keep anyone from keeping the only copy in his tickler, which is not carded in the index to the general records system. There is no doubt in my mind that Hester had the tickler on your case but I was not able to get it in the FOIA case. They claimed it was merged into the regular files, undoubtedly not true. And the guy who swore to it had no way of knowing.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Jacob". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the typed word "Sincerely,".

17 June 1985

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James Ray-65477
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I HAVE new zip-37219.

Dear Harold:

I have your letter dated April 6th. As to the writer, Hougan, he didn't say anything adverse to the Fenster. In fact Hougan was sympathetic to Senator Long rather than Kennedy. I believe I read in a paper where Fensterwald works for RFK, however that (papers), is where all the b.s. is spread.

As to the "Desoto", this should be a picayune matter, although for some reason the JD don't want to talk about it--see the reverse side of this paper where they say the "do not file" file was discontinued in 1976--but see Pratt v. Webster, 508 F. supp. 751, at 763 where it is indicated the file was still in existence in 1981 (Webster was decided in 1981). Also, I filed interrogatories on them; and they in turn ask for a protective order. Anyway it will be cleared up shortly. If the Judge dismisses then I'll sue Robert G. Jensen, the fbi agent who was in charge of the MLK investigation in Memphis and who lives there now in retirement. He should know or remember.

I don't see why the JD hides minor insignificant matters.

Jerry was here a few days ago. He had a few Coors under his belt and said you and Mark Lane were working for the same "Holyman". The only Holyman who I could think of that Mark works for is the "Emir of Iran"--Mark represented Iranians in the D of C several years ago. Anyway if you are fooling with the Latolla you could be ex-communicated--the Old Tolla is apparently a true Holyman with lots of enemies.

"Gente" dropped me as soon as the FBI or CIA got to them after I mailed in their FOIA request. I should have let them mail it rather than me. I'm still looking into the matter although from a different source. The only source for Gitnacht in the US is a guy named LaRouche in NYC and I'm not sure everything his staff writes is valid.. I believe he ran for pres. in the last election as a democrat.

I haven't heard no further from the atty. who said he would help in the FOIA suit-- anyway I have everything filed now.

until later,

J. Ray