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Dear Paul,

While all three accounts of the FBI's Cointelpro release interest me much, as would the accounts of any other reporters you may have preserved, most of all did I find John Jacobs' suggestion provocative. I do not know him. I would be very interested in knowing if there is anything in the records he saw that led him to introduce Lee Harvey Oswald.

When you can speak to George I'd also like to know if those records he saw hold any references to Memphis or to King. The reason here is because if so they would have been withheld from me in response to my own requests.

As best I can guess what you read I find myself wondering if they disclose either operations against or surveillance of those with whom I would likely have been in contact during the period in which I was seeking aid in getting published. I recall Sammie Abbott (who was on their agitators index) and various people at IPS but mostly Aakin and Barnett. I used phones at both places, too.

I do not make the suggestions inevitable in the asking of questions without basis. I have partial compliance with FOIA/PA requests from the CIA and FBI. The malevolence of the FBI is impossible to exaggerate. Some of this I'll be able to show you easily because I had special reasons for making a separate copy. I can lay hands on it rapidly and easily. Protected by a secrecy expected to be permanent its fabrications were horrendous. You may recall some of the CIA stuff I obtained from other than it. What I have gotten from it includes the means by which they assured non-compliance - by withholding records from their own general counsel.

My garbage was examined and my mail watched in the 1940s. That particular kind of crazy probably still regards me as a special menace.

I can't begin to pay the government for that many records especially when they are not central to my work. However, if I can borrow any for a few days I can make copies and return them. If this is possible I know I'll be in Washington on the 2d with "il for medical and dental checkups.

Because the Post is no more interested in reporting what I am doing than I am in having it reported I tell you what may amuse you and George and what I do not want used. The Department of Justice had actually hired me as a consultant in a lawsuit in which I am suing it! I demurred without refusing, instead asking for evidence of good faith on the part of the FBI. Instead of doing this they actually put it to a judge in a way that leaves no record - in camera and without a court reporter - and have judicial sanction for it. Meaning I am indentured to involuntary servitude, you might say.

But what a switch!

Of course it also turns the Act around, placing the burden of proof on me.

Hope you have all had a nice holiday by the time you get this. We look forward to seeing you all.

Best,

PS for George, laugh for you: when "il has the copying machine running again she'll make copies of the first 3 or 4 pages of a long statement to the House assassins by one Amos Hancock. His words do not require underscoring for George to see what I send this. What I would call to George's attention is that two assassins' staffers saw the guy after he was a known quantity to the assassins.