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I should never have spoken as I did about the (sh!) c-h-i-g-g-e-r-s. They have gotten their revenge. But like the not ill wind that warmed things up so after their normal departure for the year, without which I'd not have been gloating about what the absence of chiggers enabled me to do, maybe some good will come of it.

Whether or not there was chigger surveillance I think that maybe we have evidence of the FBI's.

This little ~~shit~~ made sleep impossible. First I lay awake and then I got up. While laying awake it dawned on me.

Maybe the FBI works in only strange ways, but it was rather strange, as I noted in my appeal to Shea, for McCreight to send the Baltimore and Los Angeles records to you when I filed the appeals and I have no PA case in court. Maybe it was not strange for the FBI for there to be no specification of the request or the appeal, as I also noted. Instinctively, not after deep thought, I treated it as in response to the 1996 Surveillance Item request and appeal. Noe I think I was right.

The ridiculousness of ~~XXXX~~ FBIHQ designating me to five different Bank Robbery files in June of 1970 was overwhelming and funny, which blocked further thought until the Chiggers' Revenge.

Those are two ~~max~~ jobs the FBI tried to pin on the Rays, East Liberty and Heredosa. Both on John, East Liberty only on Jerry in the HSCA's notion. Now me - as of then?

How could the FBI associate me with any Ray in 6/70? I'd not met any. I'd not been in touch with Jimmy or John at all. BUT, I had been hearing from Jerry, mail and long, reverse phone calls. However, I never met Jerry until after I first met Jimmy, which was about 3/1/71. It was the Monday of the week after the February 1971 hearing before Judge Williams in Memphis.

I don't think I even heard from John until shortly before I went to Heavenworth in 5/72 on the habeas corpus work.

We have a letter from Shea in which as I recall he says we were never the target of any FBI taping or bugging, according to the FBI's indices. My reply is that the indices mean little, that all the dirty work is hidden in the field offices, detaching FBIHQ, and I said other things about the obvious evasions. This whole thing is so utterly ridiculous I think you may want to include it in your Memorandum to the Court you will file with the affidavit I've almost finished reading and correcting. I don't think any judge will believe that filing me in connection with any Ray and more in connection with their conjectured involvement in those two bank robberies - in 1970 - is addidental and I think of no basis except as the result of surveillance on communication between Jerry and me.

You may not remember it but there came a time when Jerry told me that the FBI was going around trying to get people to say he had been involved in bank robberies. The younger woman he brought here from St. Louis after Ray, Rhonda Gibson, is one so questioned. The House assassins had her down as the wheelwoman when she was barely more than a 100 lb or less teen aged. It was to enable him to be prepared that I asked Bud's help for Jerry and Bud agreed to arrange for St. L counsel if Jerry needed it, etc. It was all about that time. Bud's records may provide a date, if you ask Carmen. Mine will be too hard to search but I can do it.

I don't think it will be easy for the FBI to give the judge any credible explanation of this 1970 linking of me and the Ray brothers and those two bank hiests without involving some form of surveillance. So long after the guilty plea, too.

You may want to keep in mind that this is the way in which I arranged for the new Ray defense, the one in which you and I shredded their entire case against Jimmy, even if McRae hold guilt or innocence to be irrelevant.

Remember also that the FBI has never said that we were not surveilled. Only that you and I were not targeted by the FBI according to their indices, some of what I meant in characterizing them as evasive on this item.

I am not clear on whether Jerry had ever gone to see Stoner by then or had gone to work for/live with him by then. My recollection is that I was then hearing from Jerry from St. Louis.

The Meredosa job was 1/70. Laddonia the day of the HQ ltr to Springfield, 6/11/70. Liberty 10/17/69.

Superficially this may appear to be tenuous. In an FOIA case, where the questions relate to searches, compliances and evasive responses that are not in terms of the request and because it is so lugubrious and more because we lose nothing if Green is not interested I think we should raise this.

They will be claiming partial summary judgement with all sorts of affidavits. We have said all along that even with complete compliance with MURKIN records compliance with the request is impossible. Here you have Ray records that were withheld until after the assassins closed up shop on their public hearings under a really ancient request and a decrepit appeal, regardless of whether under PA or FOIA. There is relevance in this case because this is part of their Ray file squirreled away in a 91 file. Where they are lost in any denials is in the indexing. The records had to have surfaced on any search. (You can have some fun with an indexed but not recorded record and throw in the dead and do-no-file files. One of ~~these~~ these brings to new life an old "dead" file in LA.) It will appear that these are devices for being able to avoid compliance, as they are. Why not record records? Why have "dead" files that are alive, as when they open a "new" "dead" file and file in do-no-file files?

The judge, if you do this, will also see that they indexed me over a letter to the editor relating to the firing of a local college professor I've never met. What business is this of the FBI? Why index it? Why was it not produced long ago when it was indexed? No exemption was or is claimed. Just withheld. Again withholding of the agent's name, which I've ridiculed to Shea. (And he was involved in that caper with his son(s). It made the local papers. So "privacy" for him - with his phone listing published?)

It is not by accident that I didn't ask Shea for the referenced Baltimore letter. First let us see if he gets it on his own. If he doesn't we can ask him to trace all of it is. I'd like to see if he does it voluntarily, without prodding, and makes the right kind of check. But we want to remember if he doesn't.

You'll get this before you get the affidavit so think it over. I'll finish editing the affidavit this a.m.

Me and Meredosa!