

Dear Jim,

4/4/84

I've just returned from my regular checkup with Hufnagel (very good on the leg and foot, he says), gotten the mail and by accident I opened a letter to Lil from Huff on her appeal, the date of which she manages not to give, from FBI withholding. You know how they say they do not discriminate against me, how everything is in order of receipt? Well, it was exactly 50 months ago today that she filed her appeal. When I saw the Justice envelope I didn't look at the addressee and just opened it. She is away this morning, preparing the tax return of a maiden lady who is close to ⁹⁰90 and who just inherited the estate of her sister, whose taxes Lil always did. So, I do not know what she will want to do. I glanced at the first page of her appeal and have only a slight recollection of it. She was sickened at the records she saw and asked me to do the appeal. I'll have to read it to remember and understand more but because it is long and detailed I'll wait and see what she wants to do. If she does not want to do anything, I'll not bother to read it. However, I did notice that in it, 50 months ago, I did refer to the inordinate delay. I presume this meant from the time she filed her request.

My purpose in this is merely to call to your attention the fact that even with my wife, addressed for some reason as Ms. instead of Mrs., they can't even be straight and honest and do stonewall. Which makes me wonder why they are doing anything at all now.

I also noticed that they now offer to search the see refs. That they should have done long before 50 months ago and that they have never done or offered to do for me. Not that I can recall, anyway.

I'm sure she'll have no objection to my sending you their letter and the first page of the appeal, which you probably have, or all if you'd like.

Best,



4/24: Lil decided she wants to know about the see references and she asked me to write them again. So, I read what Phyllis drafted for Huff to sign and I also noticed that she attached a joint appeal of a little later, still not acted on. Lil did file a request for field office files and that still has not been searched. The date of Lil's appeal is 4/4/80. The stuff they disclosed on her is historically important as it relates to the FBI. They tried hard to get her held to be disloyal and fired by the conservative Texan who headed the RFC. He refused. What made her disloyal to the witnesses used by the FBI, not one of whom questioned her loyalty, is that she had poor vision and wore thick glasses, did not dress fashionably (on those depression-days

salaries, I think about \$35 a week, maybe a little more, (when we were both helping widowed mothers and others), that she belonged to buying cooperatives, which it then was government policy to help, and had a brother who went on strike when he was a bellhop and they went on strike. But I emphasize to you the evidence this is that they do discriminate against me, even against her, and even after their Senate testimony took four years to even respond to this appeal, without addressing some of its content, as today's letter indicates.

We await a service call on the copier. If you want another copy of her appeal, let me know. If you have any need, it may be easier for us to make it than for you to search for it.