

Dear Jim (AHR & /A)

77-2155

1/27/78

The student I was able to hire to put the FBI's 1/18/78 releases in file cabinets finished it tonight. (Fortunately she's sure-footed because she could not get her car up the icy lane!).

I had her label each file drawer with the file and section numbers and to be certain of continuity, noting all gaps and omissions.

Perhaps from the list she made for me we have the explanation of the FBI's failure even to acknowledge receipt of my request for the worksheets and relevant papers. I think you should ask for them through the processes of the court. I'm not sure that you should file a separate action but if you prefer, fine. I believe they are essential to any examination of the records released and therefore are part of those records. Without them, for example, appeal is not possible.

If you prefer a separate suit, fine. They won't like it either way.

Here is the inventory:

62-109060 -Sections 71-145
Sections A1-A29

in 62-109060 two different binders of records are both identified as A6

62-109090-Sections 1-32
Sections A1,A3,A5
Sections Sub A 2, Sub A-4

82-82555-Sections 61-109;144-238
Sections A1,A2,A4
Sub A-3, Sub A-5,Sub A-6.

Separate from this are the withholdings of complete documents within the Sections not withheld in their entirety and withholding by obliterations, whether or individual names or of pages or of paragraphs.

Assuming what I do not assume, that the alphabetical sections and subs do not go higher than the highest number given here, 164 sections without letters are withheld. An enormous amount. Perhaps a fourth as much as what was released.

Of course there are other files and records. There was not a single Bulky in all of these.

I'm really surprised at the extent of the withholdings. From this inventory alone I can see much that can be done and a suit that almost certainly can't fail. Which would mean return a fee to the lawyer. Take 105-82555 as an example. It simply is not possible that there is not a single reasonably segregable page in the first 60 Sections or in those after 109 and before 144.

But it is too much for either of us to undertake now. I'll not say anything to anyone else for the time being because I believe the potential is good and that there is no time pressure on doing something.

However, if there is a suit for the worksheets that goes to court I think it will become apparent that these are not justifiable withholdings and that the FBI is, as I charged, up to a news management power play. (They know I can't do with these records what I did with those on King, read them all.)

Wait a minute- I must be quite wrong in this. Probably most of those that are not here are included in the first release, 12/7/77. But that leaves the jumping around to be explained.

Oh, well, you have the inventory, anyway. Best,