

Dear Roger,

8/11/79

Thanks for your 8/8 and enclosure.

"I suppose that all of us are working for history now," you say. I disagree with only the "now."

You also say that you and Sylvia are going over the volumes. This provides a means of helping serve history, if it is not too cumbersome or impossible. By compiling lists of the records disclosed, particularly FBI records.

Two court decisions (you know of Gesell's in part only, from the Lardner story), some backfired FBI/DJ dirty tricks and some successes on the administrative level now require the FBI to give me all JFK and MLK records released to others.

This extends to HSCA. The Shea staff is supposed to go over its published stuff to learn. (Thus delaying all work on appeals, of course.)

By now you know the principle of waiver, so any record disclosed can constitute a waiver on records the crooked HSCA did not use. (As for example, what I had and gave Lardner, whom used it as the lead in his account of their account of the alleged mafia plot.) So the more I can know of this and provide to Shea the more I may be able to break loose.

My own records are available to virtually all, within my limitations. I can't make searches where I've not established subject files of copies, for example, and for some (like Lifton and the radical right which has fabricated quotes and attributed them to me I won't.) I can't justify the time or what is becoming increasingly significant, the effort. As I make copies for myself (most for appeals) and I see something worthwhile I send it to Hoch, sometime applying restrictions if I have fears of nut misuse or need for special appeals, where I hope to be able to get more if I do not signal significance.

What I get also goes into the FBI reading room and thus is available there.

I am not able to make several successive trips to the basement, where I have all the FOIA yield. This is from the arterial problems, not the thrombophlebitis. Some days I'm pretty inhibited by them. If today were not I'd be doing something else now. On better days I must get what vigorous exercise I can and can tolerate. This limits the other work I can do. By persisting I've been able to get a fair amount of outside work done. The place looks better for it, I am better for it and I've the beginnings of a winter's wood supply near the house. Little at a time. How much is not predictable and sometimes what is not ordinarily beyond me turns out to be when I stop working and sit and rest. We lost the tops of two large trees in storms on successive nights. I trimmed one out and got most of the leaves up this morning and soon found out it had been too much, although it is much less than I've been doing. I've quite weary and ache at the areas of arterial blockages. So I have to keep ~~me~~ to the minimum what I undertake for others. Yet in the past several weeks I've spent much time for Earl Golz and Gary Mack.

Others can come here and make their own searches. The JFK materials are now well organized. To date only Lifton was turned down.

Anyway, it makes for availability of what is not now available if I can go for it, which lists of HSCA records can help.

You have asked the judge for a conference in your FOIA case. I hope he has a court reporter present. My experience is that the DJ word is worthless.

Glad you are planning ahead. make sense and for efficiency.

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est,

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Dear Harold ,

I've been getting your stuff, and if I haven't responded until now it is because I'm very busy planning my activities regarding the JFK case. I'm in the midst of typing up a flurry of FOIA requests to various agencies.

The Justice Dpt. is stonewalling me, and I've asked the Judge in the case to call a conference so that I can do some table-thumping. In the meantime, I am spending my time researching, writing and planning ahead so that I will be able to use my spare time more efficiently once school starts up again. I have ordered the House Committee stuff, except for the Report, which I've already read. Sylvia has been great about letting me peruse her copies of the supplementary volumes until I receive my own.

Unless something startling comes up, I suppose that all of us are working for history now. So far as further investigations go, I think this case is dead, especially if Kennedy gets into the White House. But you can never tell.

Best regards,

  
Roger