

Bud via Jim, re delays in your mail; Ray-Portugal records HW 9/27/81

Both of you mailed me letters before 9/16 that did not reach me until 9/25, and both envelopes (enclosed) are not stamped until 9/24. Bud's was about Ray in Portugal records, Jim's was the Newsweek story on "Fedora."

I do have many Ray-Portugal records but it will take a little work to retrieve most of them. Most of them are in the earlier FBI records, aside from those that deal with Portugese witnesses. I did make duplicate copies of some records for subject filing and I believe this did include some Portugal records, but I cannot find any such file folder. This means that to retrieve the records from the enormity of them that the FBI compiled one, a combination of or all these means can be used:

Flipping through the abstracts that I do have for the entire FBIHQ MURKIN file and spotting those that have Portugal material (or checking all from or to the Paris Legat for that purpose);

Flipping through the worksheets, which will identify each from that Legat;

Reviewing the hasty notes I made for Jim when I read those records and where I noted what I believed could be of some interest.

My recollection is that FBI interest focused on the irrelevant and immaterial, like Ray's treatments of and relations with whores; and the matter of the name on the passport and the Canadian Embassy's correction of it.

If you can tell me what in particular interests you I can let you know if I recall it or can locate it.

Aided by what Ray told Hule, the FBI had no trouble finding the whores and learning from them such prime intelligence as that Ray bought them clothing.

If the search for associates who might have been coconspirators was serious, which I doubt, it was not zealous.

Of course most of the investigation was by the Portugese police and under the man who was subpoenaed to Memphis for the trial.

Sorry I can't be of more help. I know I had a Portugal file but I can't find one now. I also know I did not have a large number of copies in it because I regarded those records as not having any real relationship with the crime itself.

Best wishes,