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Dear Bud,

It has just occurred to me that if those who are interested in defending the FOIA can get out of their cocoons long enough to take a look at what the record of the present CIA, FBI and Department of Justice is with regard to compliance in two instances, JFK and King assassination records, with regard to costs in those cases, and with regard to current withholdings in them, with the many, many ramifications, they may have an impact. ~~Some~~ <sup>They</sup> will be able to show the total waste of what I <sup>guess</sup> may be close to a million dollars, with the waste not ended, with the fraudulence of claims and appeals decisions (with most appeals not even acted on), with the courts toyed with, deceived and misled and in all instances, with the initial searches not yet made.

I have about seven file ~~drawers~~ <sup>drawers</sup> of documented appeals, six with the CIA, FBI and DJ on JFK and MLK and personal records alone. What happened with the personal records is part of what happened with the case requests, all still unmet, and it is a hell of a story of the FBI misusing the Acts to be able to defame its ~~skittish~~ critics to the President and the Congress, among others. I am now getting FBI records that withhold information the FBI itself disclosed and the Commission disclosed. And I am now learning that records the withholding of which I appealed in 1978 are allegedly destroyed - Garrison records hidden in files like "research matters" and "laboratory research matters" I was able to identify in 1978. (Where I have specified these files for search in the King case it remains refused and no search has been made in them. If that search were made it would disclose how the FBI manipulated everything that happened in the Ray case.)

The details of all of this should be able to attract attention.

I can show how the FBI manipulated the Congress in these cases with my appeals and request records and what I got and didn't get. Maybe all in the Congress won't like that.

Remember that in about 1976 Diane Cohen testified to the Senate subcommittee about some two dozen of my requests that were without response? The Civil Division testified that <sup>I</sup> had been treated badly by the FBI but that would all be straightened out. Well, with I think one exception all these two dozen requests going back to 1968 are without compliance. That one request, for one file, was complied with a year after I obtained that information from a different agency. They made sport with the Senate, as well as me.

This is all of the top of the head. But in addition because the subject matter is one in which the government had proclaimed full disclosure in those historical cases and because it is so comprehensible to ask why should it hide if it has nothing to hide and because many people remain deeply concerned about these crimes that I think this could do much for the Act. <sup>U</sup>astily,