

FOIA/PA compliance

Dear Dad,

5/15/79

You, Hoch and I take up a considerable amount of space in FBIHQ's Oswald file, 105-62555 in Sections 235 and 236. There is an exaggerated interest in our FOIA requests, all of which in a sense interrelate. The amount of time and money invested is entirely out of proportion to the apparent questions of compliance. I therefore assume that the FBI saw much more in these FOIA requests, all relating to Oswald, than the requests themselves can reasonably be understood to involve. Mine were related to Ronnie Caire and the fingerprint other than Oswald's on the Wasp leaflets, Hoch's over the Lamont pamphlet with the 544 Camp address, Quiroga and similar matters.

This time of the year copying is difficult for us because ^{she}il stays too busy with her tax work and we have too many stacks of various kinds for space even for collating. I also think Jim may want to read these records, so I'll be getting them to you through him when I see ~~me~~ him on the 20th. You may want to make copies. I'd appreciate their return, as they are, along with the carbon as a reminder to me, when you have finished.

These were not provided under the PA waiver, which was drafted too narrowly.

If by any chance you want to talk a out this or anything related to it I'll be in DC again on the 29th as I return from a speech the night of the 28th. Someone is going to pick me ~~me~~ up so I won't be limited to the bus schedule but I'll have to have an approximation of the time we rendezvous.

Spotting things like these and what is more important related to some of my litigation is possible because I've been able to get some good part-time student help for the first time. ^{By} coincidences. The lecture bureau for the first time has been a little active. My speech on the 28th will be the fifth in four months. Now that I enjoy the relative luxury of a monthly if not great Social Security check I can use this extra income for help, so I started looking. My first shot worked. A woman Hood student who is a little older than most, having returned to college after a broken marriage and with the liability of a pre-school child, is working on some of my files as a class project. I merely asked her if she knew a student with a car who wanted some part-time work and she knew one right away. Also a little older. Bright, pleasant and alert to such small things as these.

I have this student correlating the two major FBIHQ releases and putting each Section in an individual file folder. This will make retrieval less of a problem. I'll thus have these files exactly as they are filed at FBIHQ.

When she finishes this job there will be more and I'll be hoping for more speeches with which to pay her.

However, she is not going over them systematically. She has spotted these things as she checks for filing only.

I have made these copies because I am preserving the records exactly as I get them, save for adding the file folders and the identifications on them.

You might want to stop off some time on a trip to Deep Creek Lake and see what I have obtained under ~~FOIA~~ FOIA. You just might be surprised.

Best,

PS If you have any comment please add them to the copies for when I get them back. I'll keep them with the copies.