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Dear George,

My apologies for my inadequate hearing, which misled me to believe you had indicated you wanted the conversation to end. Because I have to use a speaker-phone, I could correct me.

I do not know that you have any interest in seeing the magnitude of the archives that will be at Hood, but if you'd like to, may I suggest that you do that when the head of the history department, Jerry McKnight, can be with you? He is among those who have worked extensively in those records and can pretty much tell you which is what. (He has an excellent book just getting into the stores, The Last Crusade, on interferences with the Poor Peoples Campaign.) And I avoid the stairs. Most are in the basement. Most of the records there are the FBI's, about a quarter of a million on the JFK assassination and about 80,000 pages on King's and the investigations of them. Many people have come from all over to use these records, which I make freely available to all writing in the field, or researching, and they have unsupervised access to our copier, too.

I referred to the Congress citing one of my cases as requiring amending of the Freedom of Information Act in 1974. I enclose that page, with that reference highlighted. That case was cited as requiring amending of the so-called "investigatory files" exemption. It opened access to FBI, CIA and similar files to the media and others.

In those days the court used the longer paper. I enclose the top of the first page to identify me as the plaintiff and the bottom of the third page, also highlighted, where the FBI's response to my sworn statement that it had filed perjury is supposedly addressed by saying I knew more than the FBI did, so it was OK for it to lie under oath! And they got away with it!

We are none of us "orlins who can remember the future but I do believe that over the years many people will continue to come to use these records and with any kind of break in the case, the number will be greatly increase.

Best wishes,

Harold

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