

Dear Mr. Perlin,

7/20/79

When we spoke earlier this week I forgot that the professor of the University of Wisconsin Stevens Point branch, where all my records are to be deposited as a public archive, was coming here the next day. I was not aware that the report of the House assassins committee was to be released. So while I got to preparing the enclosed affidavit promptly, I was first delayed in completing the draft and then in making hasty corrections in it. The time required by the press was considerable and this was the first time in more than a year that the professor and I were able to confer.

There is some repetition I would have removed and some ~~cross-~~cross-referencing of Paragraphs I would have added and some rewriting I would have done but I'm sorry there just is not time. My wife could not complete the retyping until I finished the reading, although as unfortunately we must do often she was retyping it while I was still drafting it. She finished up last night and I've just read the retyped copy. It needs a few corrections but it will go out in today's mail. If she is not able to complete the correction prior to the pickup out in the country I'll take it to the p.o. in Frederick.

I'm also sorry we could not have gotten started earlier because I'd have preferred to be able to submit a draft to you first to be sure I had not included what you do not regard as necessary and to reduce the incidence of confabulation. I am aware of the general dislike of long affidavits.

On the other hand, it is also my experience that when they are detailed the FBI becomes aware of the difficulty of rebuttal. It then, on the now rare occasions when it does not prefer merely to ignore the affidavits, tries to misconstrue and misrepresent them. Because they want very much to be able to destroy what is embarrassing and have already hoked up excuses that do not get to their real reasons, they may make an effort of this kind. If that does happen, I have a suggestion to make.

Call me with a tape recorder connected and we can discuss this and you will be in a position to prepare a draft of whatever you may want, if you want anything. You can then draft what you want and I can attest and return the same day I receive it.

Live testimony is rare in these kinds of cases but if you want it I can provide it and can add much detail and other illustrations. I had to do this off the top of the head, albeit then an unclear head.

Those things we did not discuss that I thought of appear to me, a non-lawyer but with my experiences, to be what you want. I hope so.

I think the Archives will not want to be helpful to you because under Rhoads they have been tucked in the FBI's and CIA's pockets. Rhoads is not reluctant to provide grossly false affidavits and has. Long ago I wrote the archivist I had learned was involved in this matter and offered help but got no response at all. Jim Cesar, who is temporarily not well, has many excellent records relating to their politicization of their role and of violation of the Act and its intent - even conspiring in it.

We did not discuss exhibits but I decided to provide them where I could locate them rapidly. I can provide others and with some I can provide copies of appeals long overdue and without response, as with the bizarre filing codes and interpretations, 30 and 94 and 67. I did not think of it when we spoke and apparently Jim did not and neither of us now has time for the searching but on cross-examination of FBI witnesses, when they made their one mistake of producing any for cross-examination, we got important testimony relating to the extent of field office files as compared with FBIHQ's. If this interests you it was in 9/76 in C.A. 75-1996 and was in particular by SA Howard. We have transcripts.

If I can do anything else please let me know. I wanted to do what your clients are doing long ago but nobody would join in so it was impossible. And I do hope this is helpful and does not include what you may not want. Best wishes, Harold Waibman

Dear Mike,

7/20/79

Today the rural mail carrier was a half-hour early so I've time to write before taking the affidavit to the post office in town.

It would be good if you could keep either Jim or me provided with copies of everything. In that way we will be in a position to volunteer if we are able to.

If you are as strapped as we are, please send to him because he can have xeroxing done for half what it costs me and my wife has to do the copying. Sometimes it is uncomfortable for her from her arthritis. He can then send me duplicates. If you can afford to send us both copies that will save several days minimum on reaching me.

The county and the post office are giving the countryside city-type street numbers. We got ours this week and I'm not memorized it yet. It is on the cover. Because it is so new it might be a good idea to add "Route 12" after the street address for sorting at the local p.o.

I don't know that you will want to speak to me about anything but in the event you do I give you my usual daily schedule. Generally I'm up by 5 a.m. This means I try to start to go to bed about 9 and really want to be in bed by 10. However, there is a phone by it and I do get calls at later hours.

For the most part we are home. If there is no answer the probability is that we are shopping and won't be long.

It may take several minutes to get me on occasion because exercise is best medicine for my circulatory problems one of which appears to be identical with what has just hospitalized Begin. We have five acres and I try to spend some time each day trimming off dead branches in the woods and keeping up with the mowing. My wife will generally know how long it will require for her to reach me and for me to get back to the house so you can decide whether to call back a few minutes later.

best wishes,