

Dear Howard,

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I've been meaning to write you to ask if I may keep your excellent book on the Post a little longer so that my wife may read it. We'll return it soon. It really is a first-rate job, remarkable well and fairly balanced.

I'm trying to clear myself for writing. I've given Jim Lesar a long letter in which I set forth my reasons for asking him to ~~get~~ get the King assassination FOIA case dismissed without prejudice, which would permit me or others from pursuing some of the same matters in later litigation. It was filed in late 1975 and the initial searches still have not been made, the judge is that tolerant of the FBI/DJ abuses. In one of the JFK cases, I've given him what I can to enable him to prepare to depose an FBI Lab SA who is an accomplished professional liar, unafraid because he has, to now, been immune. I've also put together other records that will enable me to testify or prepare an affidavit documenting his false swearing to the material and to document deliberate non-compliance. In the remaining JFK case, which has been quite productive, the FBI is, by agreement, to provide previously withheld records by the end of this month. I'll have to take time to show that they still stonewall because those are embarrassing records.

There is enough involved on these two JFK cases to justify taking more time, but it will be much less time than in the past and if the judge agrees in the King case, I am that much closer to free of a large obligation and time consumer.

My medical situation is probably a little more uncertain than it was. About a week after I was home, or about a month after the last surgery, I began to weep at one of the holes made by the stitches. It stopped after two days and I didn't see a doctor because it was on the weekend. At the same time I began to swell in that general area, so I did see the local doctor and then the Georgetown specialist. While neither made any unequivocal comment, the possibilities include damage to the lymph glands during the surgery, and an infection that was delayed in manifesting itself. I finish the antibiotic tomorrow bit to now the swelling is unreduced.

I'm a little more tired than I was. Sometimes I fall ~~asleep~~ asleep while I'm sitting and reading. But I feel OK otherwise.

Thanks and best wishes,