

Dear Lia,

5/20/92

Here are copies, including the original, of the statement we spoke about yesterday.

I hope you will please explain the circumstances that make it impossible for me to have edited it for for Lil to retype it.

On reading further in the referrals I got from the FBI last week and to which I refer in the statement, early this morning I came to the volume of which I enclose a copy of the cover sheet.. It is entirely of CIA referrals, I assume from the 1/3/89 date that is when the FBI made the referrals. Whether it is the date of the FBI's asking or of the CIA's responding, it says much about how promptly information is ~~supplied~~ disclosed! I got it under date of last week!

I am confident that the CIA did not get around to responding by declassifying until it knew Gates was going to testify. The ~~dates~~ dates on the declassification stamps are 5/1 and 5/4/92!

So what is it that took so long to declassify, to determine for sure that the nation would not ~~run~~ run the risk of a nuclear holocaust, or perhaps irreparable damage to foreign policy?

Well, there is a copy of a long article from a Miami newspaper with pictures of Frank Sturgis.

There is also the typescript of McCone's and Helm's Warren Commission testimony, along with a copy of it as printed. (This has a different file number, 62-~~1090670~~ 1090670, a file from which ~~we~~I do not recall ever getting any records.)

So, to the new CIA of openness, the published testimony of its director and then dirty-tricks chief had to be classified and then had to be processed for declassification.

And the new director who proclaims this new openness, he did not give the committee what he authorized the FBI to give me.

Best,

*Hard*

What do you think we should expect if for once there was something that really did warrant classification?

Also declassified are transcripts of what was broadcast as news behind the iron curtain. I suppose it was indispensable not to let the KGB know what soviet radio broadcast about what was published in the soviet press!