

Dear Jim,

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The FBI's Huie responses to you are phony and they not only did not disclose 157-10673 to me, rather serial 1270 of it, it is not listed on the worksheets and there is no slip indicating a numbering error because the worksheets go from 1269 to 1271. 1269 and 1271 are articles, not typed records.

Moreover, I'm certain that Birmingham disclosed a generous supply of Huie records to you. Even if your request was limited to Huie and that book rather than all on Huie and all on the book, to a large degree I'd have the same opinion.

At the time Huie's stuff was out and earlier, when he was working on it, the FBI was fairly desperate for anything ~~xxx~~ at all about Ray. They followed up on him and for the most part, had not come on what he fed it after getting it from Jimmy. Exceptions are Atlanta, Birmingham and Los Angeles. They probably also had something going in N.O. based on the money-order job, and St. Louis because the Rays were there. But in the tracing of Ray after he escaped MoPen, they had little except what they got from Huie and they were diligent about that, they traced it out. And they should have records at a fair number of field offices. Chicago and the restaurant, began with Huie. The motel and bar in N.O., etc.

They did use b2 so much I appealed it and often it was to hide informers. Shea decided they'd used it too much and so testified.

I forgot to check 1195 but I have no recollection of either record.

I'd not accept the Memphis copout and I'd ask for a search. Please do what I suggest carefully. Tell them they have a special index on this and you'd like it checked and say no more and see what response you get. They did not merge it into the general indices as they said in 1996.

Birmingham refers only to its see refs and it should have more than six. They have a main file on Huie.

L.A. lies or evades. They checked parts of the articles out.

Until I hear further from you I'll keep this in a separate file on my desk.

Best,

Harold