

CIA/ Domestic Intelligence= Me 1/24/75

After Larry Finley phoned me this a.m. to say that although he had the flu he had to be in the office because his paper/syndicate had finally gone for the Radio-TV Reports/CIA story (tomorrow's use) I phoned Jim Lesar to tell him. I asked Jim if he had yet written CIA General Counsel Warner. When Jim said he had not I asked him to phone.

Larry has confirmation from CIA that they have used this service ("sort of like a clipping service") for years, have a current contract, and Angus Thuermer is to phone him back to report when it began.

When he does, I have Larry prepared with more questions, about this and other such services, etc. And other than the five or six cities.

I've given Larry illustrations that are not really duplicates of a "clipping service."

Later Lesar phoned. He had spoken to the rather "vague" Warner, who entered a plea of too busy and confessed that checking had turned up "a few things" on me. He has, in his account, just been too busy to read them. But he knows about them.

Warner is to get back to Jim in a couple of days. I suggested to Jim that we get together Tuesday after I have the CTV show (AM Canada, Canada's "Today" show) taped and agree on the complaint. That he give Warner until Wednesday to get back and if he has not by then to tell Warner's pronto if we go to court.

We are pretty much in agreement that we first file an FOI suit and follow with one for damages.

I filed an FOI request still not responded to in April, perhaps March, 1971.

Warner had a copy of it on his desk 1/2/75 so from that and our conversation he knows.

We will, of course, be interested in these "few things." Tsk, tsk.

Especially because after three weeks Warner claims not to have time to learn the content of only so "few."

And is it only coincidence that he did not get back to us and ~~only~~^{then} only after they had no choice but to confirm the RFV story to Finley did he acknowledge these "few things?"

It will also be interesting to see if these "few things" include what I've discussed on my phone and anything I have not.