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Dear Dave,

Starrs has a good reputatiog. As the story, for which thanks, does not say, he exhumed and made a report on the local man who was killed by the CIA with an OD of, can't ^{LSD} remember the name of the drug it was using. Starrs concluded that Olson was murdered but that he did not have the proof the courts would require.

My own belief is that if anyone had the motive for killing Hoover they had that motive much earlier and more strongly before he was as old as he was when he died. He then was not nearly as active in the FBI as he had been.

I've never made any inquiry into what happened to those special records of Hoovers but the official story is that he long-time secretary, Helen Gandy, destroyed most of them. Or so she testified. They were, in her account, divided into two and what Hoover regarded as more private, for many and different reasons that could include reacting against him, she destroyed. I have some of the rest. Not much but interesting. Others have more of what was not destroyed.

I would not think of contradicting a man with the Starrs reputation and of course I do not have any of his special skills. All I say is that on the basis of what I know I can believe that Hoover did have a heart attack. I also think that there were those in the FBI who, if they had any suspicion, would have done something immediately about it, and it had its share of paranoids and Hoover-lovers.

Hoover lived his whole life in Washington except when he travelled on work or on vacation. I think Palmer sent him up to New York briefly but he did not live there. Just detailed there.

I knew one of Olson's sons ^{when he was in} high school and when he taught I spoke to his class. After teaching he became a psychologist. The other son is a dentist.

Thanks and best,

Harvey

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Dear Harold,

I saw the enclosed in today's paper. I don't know about these allegations. It seems all to be speculation. I am more curious about where all his private cache of tapes and records went not only or so much on his death, but on that of Clyde Tolson. It is amazing that Hoover lived virtually his whole life in Washington, D.C., unable to vote for President during most of that time, but having a great effect on it.

From **DAVE KECK**
Have a good week.

Sincerely,

Dave