

Dear Jim and notes for me,

12/31/76

I'm not making a full chronology and for my purposes one now is not necessary.

You may remember that in F-U I ridiculed the vaunted FBI for taking 15 days to i.d. Ray's prints. Records do not remove this suspicion: they compound it even if we assume there was no identification of Ray until 4/19. However, all the stuff that was left to be found provided plenty of prints to which there was no name. But they were not without a name until 5/19 by any means. I don't recall now whether they picked Jimmy's prints up in B'ham or not.

But they did in L.A., as they did his name and an alias they seem to have ignored.

Finally on 4/17 they file a secret complaint and direct attention be diverted from it. In B'ham. You will recall that before this they had his picture from Lau and bartending. But no widespread use of pix. The fact is Tolson raised hell when he heard of a UPI story on a Mexican flyer before that one was translated and printed but after the English one was and was in public distribution.

If a secret complaint is not incomprehensible, it being a complete phoney, the lack of a picture and flyer is if they really were looking for somebody as hard as the files would lead one to believe.

So from the records identification was made 4/19. They wait until then to ~~tick~~ tick off the objects with prints they have identified as Ray's, all of them, even the beer cans. But with all these objects' prints already identified as from one person would the identification of one of those prints as Ray's have been enough to make positive identification of him? Not from the teletype, which says they have all been related his prints from elsewhere. If this added delay is not enough there is more: the told only Memphis, Atlanta and B'ham. Of course they told all later, but not at the outset. They could have sent the same wire with no more executive effort to all SACs.

Having the pictures earlier they do not show them earlier. After the original complaint in B'ham of the 17th they showed picx to all the New Rebel people involved and along others to both Brewers and Bourbon Charlie. All made NEGATIVE identifications. I wonder if this is not of special legal significance in the Stephens extradition affidavit and the representations made of it.

There was a search for an address that appears to be one of Jimmy's false ones. The KC bureau reported not known at 507 Chestnut St. Does that remind you of a place where I took pictures years ago, that particular one in my notes oriented with my interest in trees. Supposed. Like the supposed KC address.

You may have two copies of serials 1474 and 1475. If you do I am missing one. Of each, that is.

Awful lot to pitchfork for a few kernels. I think I've written you about this. I will again because it may assume a different significance when there is no disputing my statement that my 4/15 request has not been complied with and that material is what is delaying my writing. I did not ask about every cock and bull story invented, which is most of what I've gotten. Besides laundry marks, which I did not ask for, either.

No copies agents reports attached to teletype.

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