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Dear Ms. Allen,

As I may have told you, in recent years, because of my age and serious health problems just grown more serious, I've been rushing too much to make as much of a record as I can while I can.

This is obvious in what I've sent you.

After I mailed what I wrote about Buck Revelli's departure from FBI practise, unless he had FBIHQ clearance for it, I thought of something I should add.

I have written it for my own records and on the off chance that it may be of interest to you I enclose it.

Sincerely,

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FBIHQ takes a ^{dim} ~~dim~~ view of and often reacts strongly to public statements not authorized by FBIHQ in records I have seen. These records also reflect that it is the practise for all such statements to be sent to FBIHQ for its approval. All printel statements were always submitted for this approval. Approval was often quite rapid. An example of this is the false and defamatory attack on Martin Luther King, Jr for staying at the Memphis Rivermont Hotel in Memphis after the riot of March 28, 1968. He was criticized for not staying at the black Lorraine. The truth is that he had always stayed at the Lorraine, at least eight times, and that rather than the famous downtown hotel the King party asked to be taken to, ^{the Peabody,} the local police took him to the Rivermont, as the FBI knew. Along with this FBIHQ added approval for the cartoon captioned Chicken a la King, representing a frightened king being almost ~~carried~~ ^{carried} by those around him. That also was false, but the cartoon appeared promptly and with that caption.

Even former FBI agents seek FBIHQ approval for interviews. I have a number of illustrations of this, including one from an agent who did not have time to seek approval when I phoned him. So he, as was common practise, filed his account of that interview. Even though he quit the FBI in disgust when an unjustified disciplining was offered him as a condition for remaining and earning his retirement ~~xxx~~ not that far in the future.

Of the possible explanations of the Dallas FBI's failure to get the names of those tramps, as requested when all that was required was asking the Dallas police for those names, ~~the~~ what appears most likely to me is that it was not an oversight.

Disclosing those names would have ended all the tramp follies then already ~~in~~ ^{Waltz, McGee, Adams} a number of stages, beginning with Garrison's.

There had already been many identifications, some even attributed to ear identification! That particular genius "identified" the ears of Watergater E. Howard Hunt!

Aside from the many supposed identifications of the tallest tramp, the first to grab Garrison's hyperactive imagination, by then the shortest tramp has been "identified" as Lyndon Johnson's farm manager!

He was given the nickname "Frenchy" because his untidy tramp's clothing was said to have a French cut!

In his debunking Revell may not have done what FBIHQ regarded as a favor.

It has just loved all those zany assassination mythologies.

Rather than debunk them ^{publicly} ~~it has~~ papered its files with its debunkings, of ten in records I ~~have~~ have with the comment that all this nuttiness establishes that it was right all along and that all disagreement with it is represented by the attached illustration of it. I have long had a page of one of its earlier ridiculing one of these wild theories frame and on a wall in our home.