

Dear Scott,

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What happened to the tape of Guinn's remarks to the press after the hearing?

I'll be in D.C. again on Thursday, if you can have it by then. I'll be in Judge Green's court, then probably in Jim's office until bus time. I try to get to the bus station about 1:30 to be sure of a good seat.

If there are any transcripts kicking around I can put some to good uses. Those of most interest to me are Michael Loden, John Hart, Guinn and Helms. Others, of course, but for these specific uses and needs.

Ditto for copies of the press kits and releases. I have the Castro one and the Nosenko one but not the staff comparison of contradictions claimed in the Nosenko interviews.

I am sure the AIB people are staying busy and as sure that they do not regard what they are doing as futile. Twice now I've been in a position to do what they want to do and was not able to because they did not get things to me in time, even when I told them the deadline.

I do not need any of these materials for any writing. I'm staying too busy on FOIA work to have any time for writing. Were this not true the writing I plan next, absent developments, requires nothing I do not have in hand. So for my own needs and interests what I seek means nothing. For my purposes I can await the printed versions and the report.

As you know from personal experience, I think each should do his own thing. I may say what I believe in disagreement and usually do but I do not interfere with approaches I regard as not worthwhile or relevant. In your case you did succeed to all I had that you wanted for work I regard as not relevant.

I'm sorry those in a position to provide information have not done it. Those at the hearings could have gotten copies of what was released at the very least and mailed them. Not one has. Bud gave me two and Gardner sent me a duplicate of one. Nothing from anyone at AIB, those supposedly interested only in the common good.

You should be aware that I'm staying out of what they are up to and I am not going to change on this. They can do what they want. Right now it seems to be doing only what does not and cannot succeed, having blown the initial opportunity by selfishness and self-seeking, which I'm sure they are not seeing that way. Because I opposed what they did in the early days I had nothing to do with them. And they did much harm. In May I made certain proposals to them. Later we had three of them up for an afternoon, evening, and dinner. They did not listen. They did their thing and it has been futile. I can't do anything about that. But it does seem to me that they can have some follow through, can get copies to me promptly, and with the Guinn tape, which I'll have to go over with care after transcribing it, there may be such work before I can have prepared what we may need in court at any unpredictable time.

Please try to get it. If it can't be dubbed by Thursday, Jim is going to see someone who is coming up here I think Friday evening or Saturday morning.

Best,