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Dear Mr. Weisberg,

Thank you for your letter (9/23/83). Unfortunately, the 362 pages of domestic-police-training documents from CIA are not very substantively revealing of particular involvements, for reasons I know you are all-to-familiar with. There was nothing in the police-training file on Washington, D.C. police intelligence surveillance of CTIA (which indicates how complete the released file is). What little I have on that is printed in the Nation article and comes from Bud-there is nothing new.

While there is nothing substantively related to you, I forwarded these documents from the 362 CIA police-training file which in any way mention Montgomery County, just in case they are of interest to you or anyone else.

I never imagined that when the CIA described using the Z-film for training purposes that it would include police training.

I know nothing of Herman Kimsey and don't have Johnathan Marshall's notes (will try to get them from Paul Hoch), but the machinations you described (Kimsey- McDonald- Davidov) are extremely interesting.

Sorry I can't be of more help.

With Best Regards,

Philip H. Melanson

10/11/83

Dear Phil,

Thanks very much for your letter of the 4th and the CIA police-training records for the DC area.

It is never possible to know how phony such records are but it is a pretty safe assumption that when they were generated they were knowingly inaccurate and self-serving. For example, I can assure you, from personal knowledge, that at least one of the Montgomery County trainees was not from that PD's intelligence unit but was a straight criminal detective.

Interesting that they disclosed a file number to you. They generally excise.

Sorry I have nothing more to add to the Kimsey info. Wish I did. His friend could not tell me why CIA fired him, Ben Davidov would not, but I suspect it was over his involvement in the Romanov frauds. I think he also wrote a book and was otherwise involved.

When I filed the records you sent I notice the next file in my office (as distinguished from FOIA) CIA file: Publishing. I suspect but cannot prove that it was heavily involved in nonpublishing and have a substantial reason for believing that it hit me twice with my first book. I once had an agent who went for it strongly only to return it as allegedly unpublishable six week later. Four years after that I discovered that his was a CIA cover address. Of course I don't have to tell you about Praeger, whose people also went for it strongly, only to have him reject it personally on the ground that I am not an accredited university scholar.

If you ever come across anything on its activities either way in publishing, I am interested.

The literary agency was Littauer & Wilkinson, 500 5th, NYC. There was also a Littauer foundation that was CIA. Howard Hunt used their address and Max Wilkinson was his agent. Small world!

Thanks and best wishes,